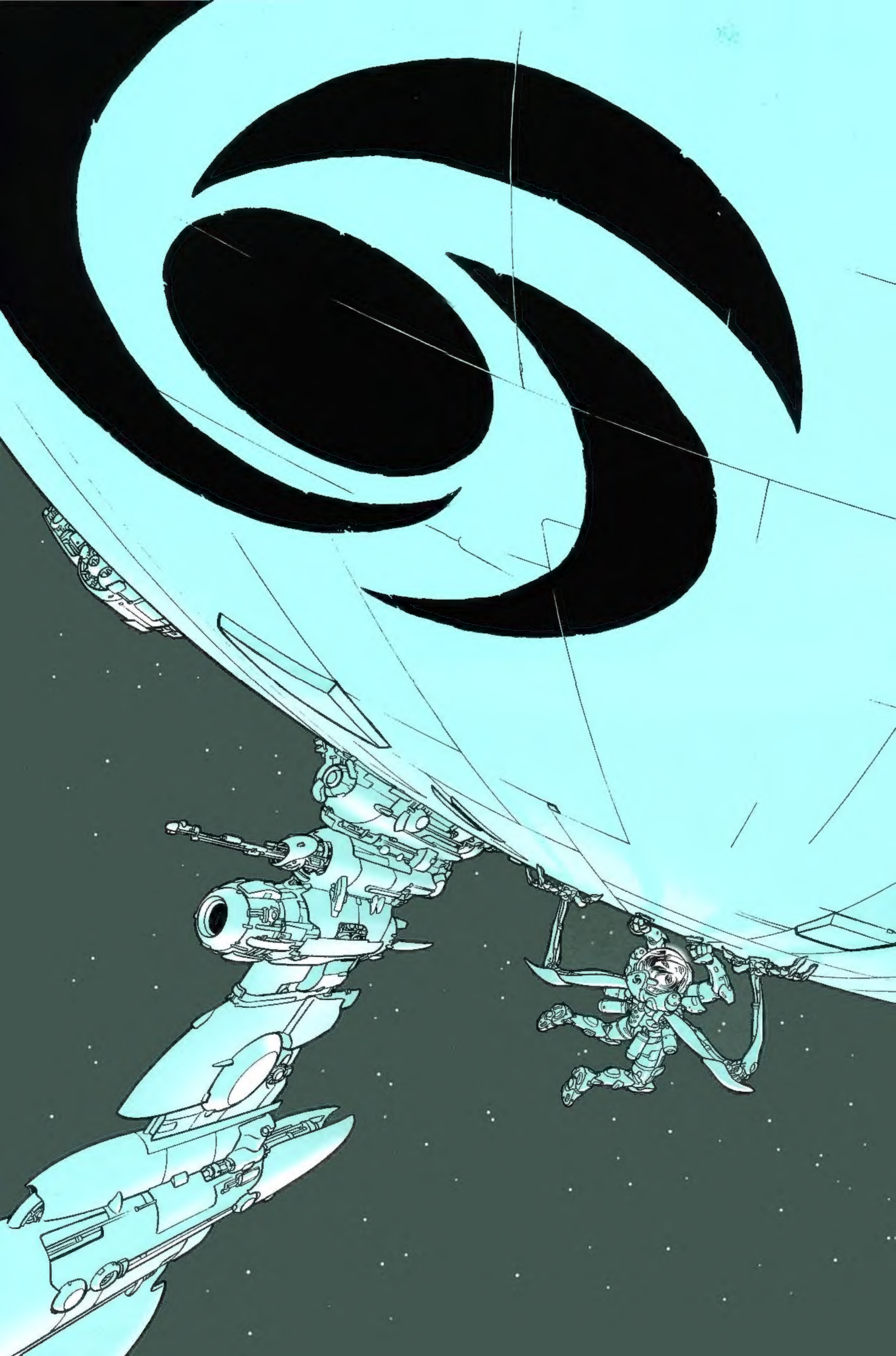

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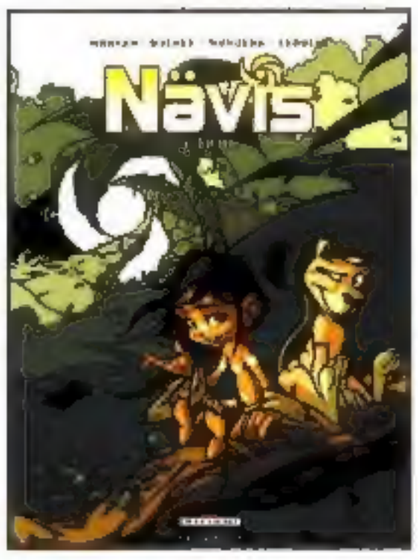

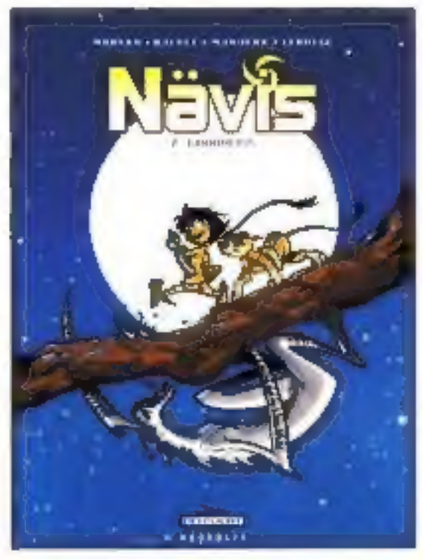

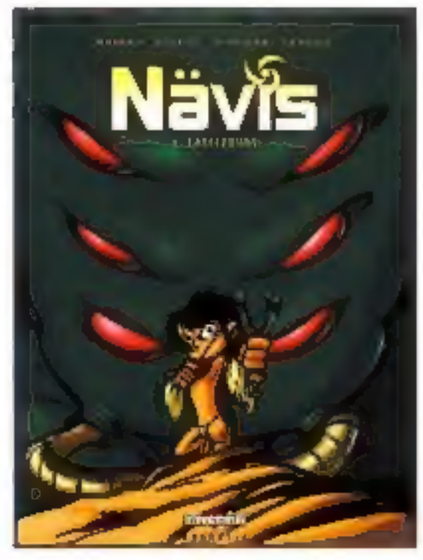

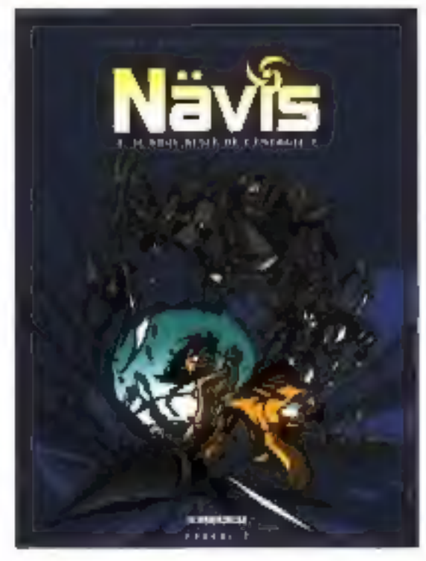

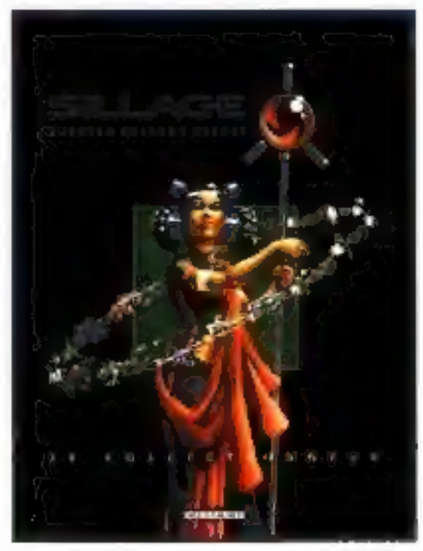

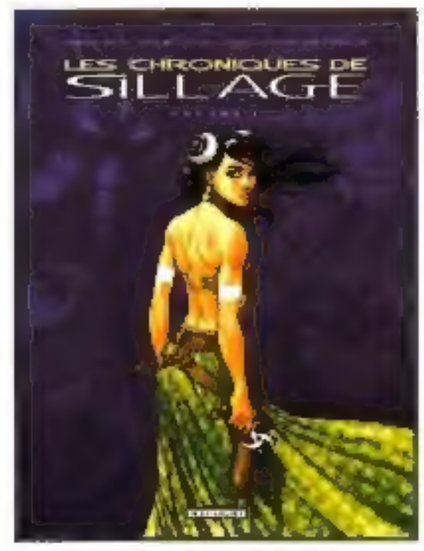

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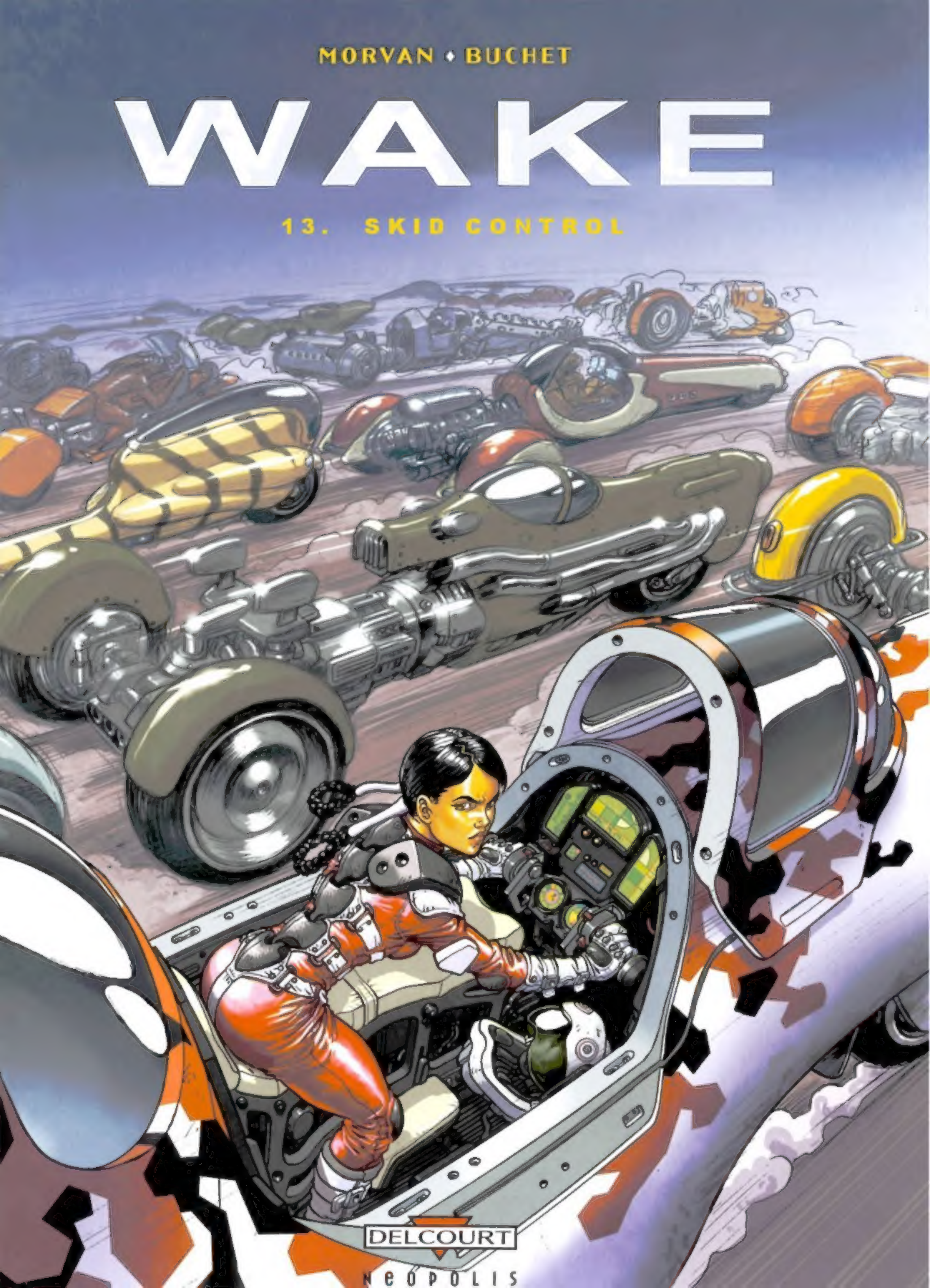
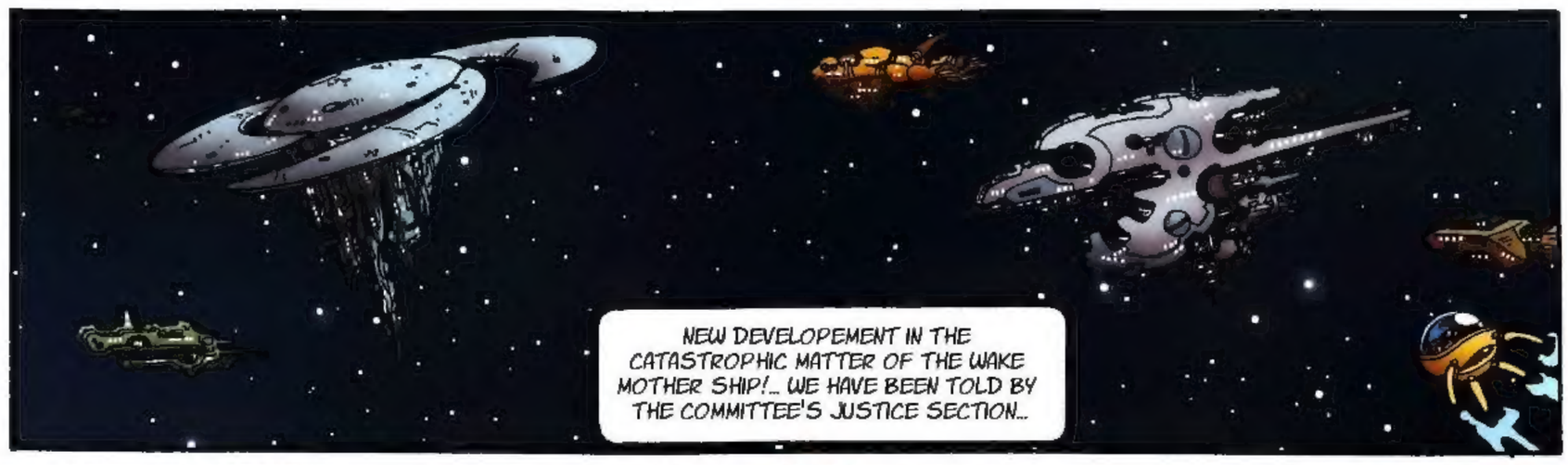
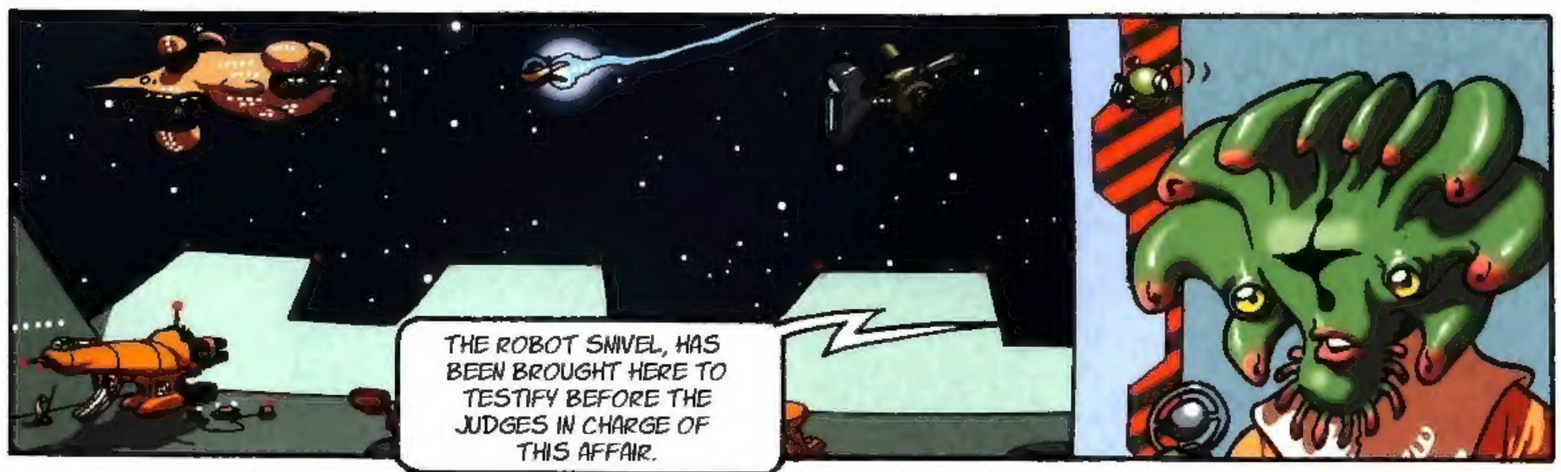
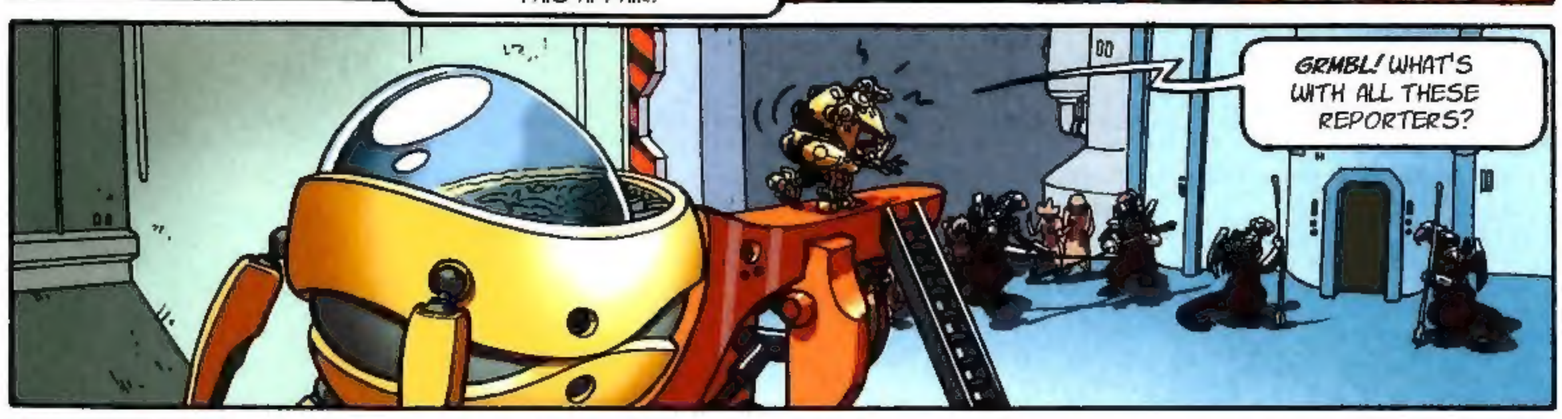
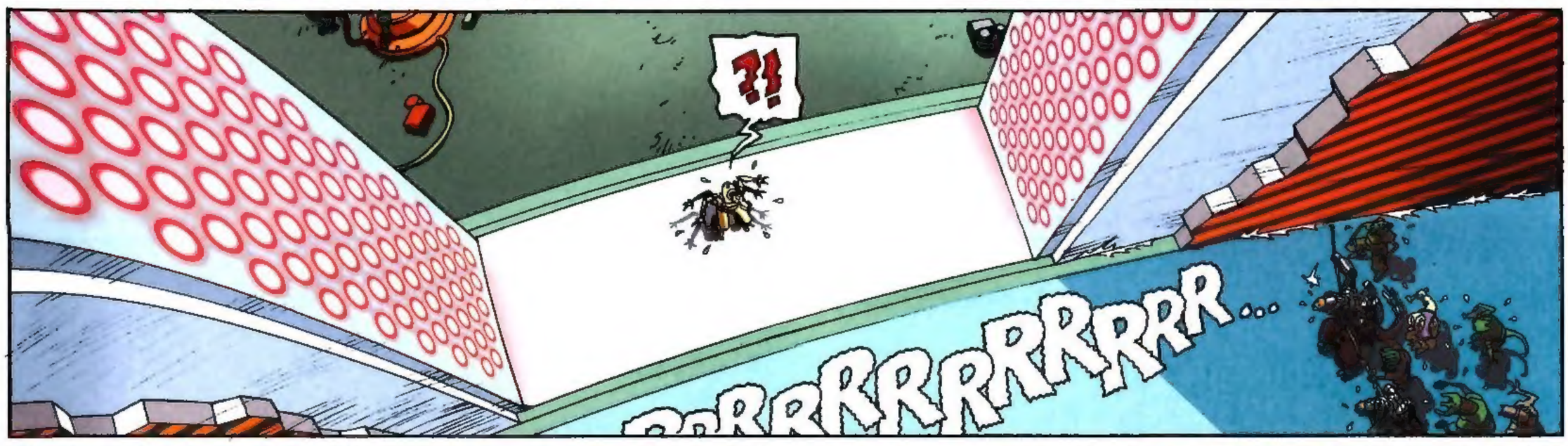



NEW DEVELOPEMENT IN THE CATASTROPHIC MATTER OF THE WAKE MOTHER SHIP!... WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY THE COMMITTEE'S JUSTICE SECTION...


THE ROBOT SNIVEL, HAS BEEN BROUGHT HERE TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE JUDGES IN CHARGE OF THIS AFFAIR.


GRMBL! WHAT'S WITH ALL THESE REPORTERS?

SNIVEL! A WORD FOR...
SNIVEL! DO YOU HAVE SOME NEW INFORMATION?! WHY THIS NEW APPEARANCE?!
ALL OF THIS IS CONFIDENTIAL! YOU AREN'T EVEN SUPPOSED TO BE HERE! I HAVE NO COMMENT!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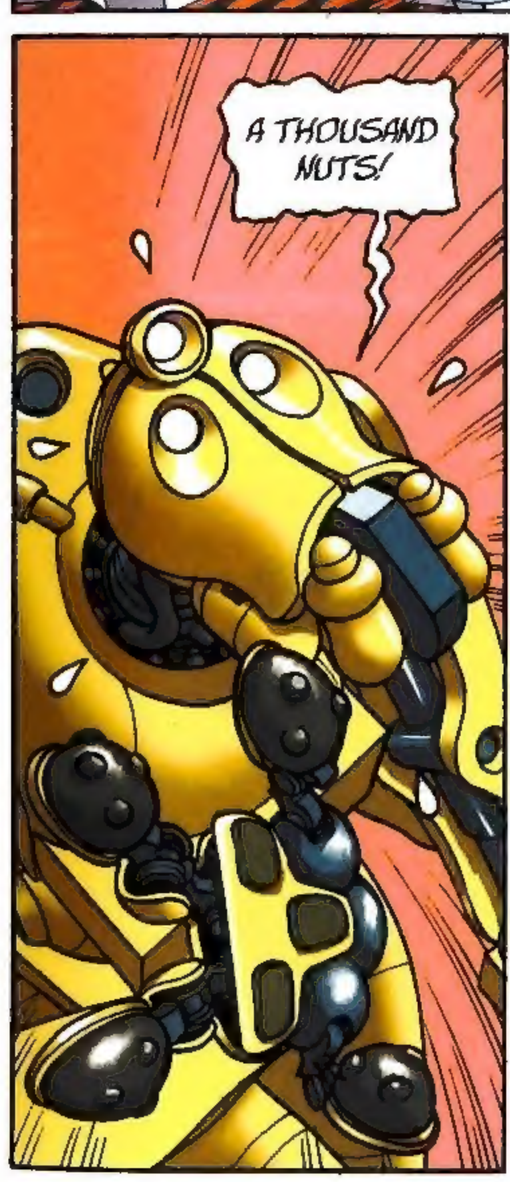
RRRRRRRRRRRRRRK...

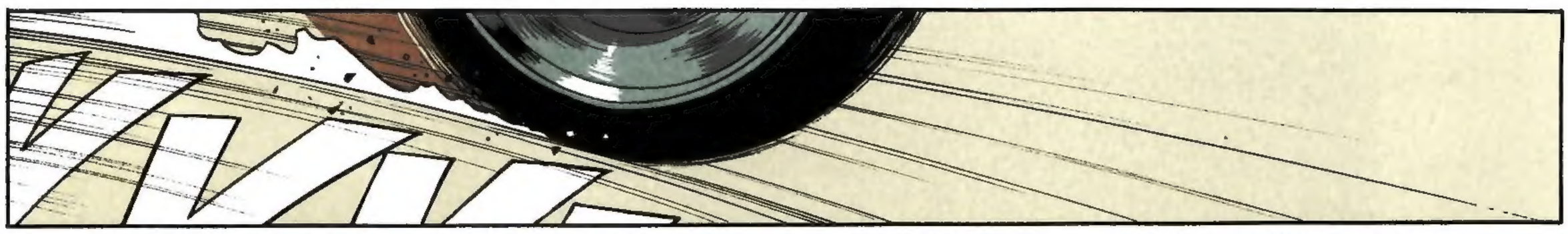

A THOUSAND NUTS!

TKOK

KRUMP!

INCREDIBLE! YOU HAVE JUST WITNESSED THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ROBOT SNIVEL!

THE THERMO-FUSION SECURITY DOORS LEAVE NO CHANCE FOR SURVIVAL... IT SEEMS THAT WE HAVE WITNESSED A SCANDALOUS WEAKNESS IN THE FORCE FIELD. NO OTHER EXPLANATION IS POSSIBLE!
WE'RE STILL IN SHOCK HERE! YOU CAN REVIEW THESE HOLO-CAST IMAGES ON OUR CHANNEL'S OFFICIAL SITE.



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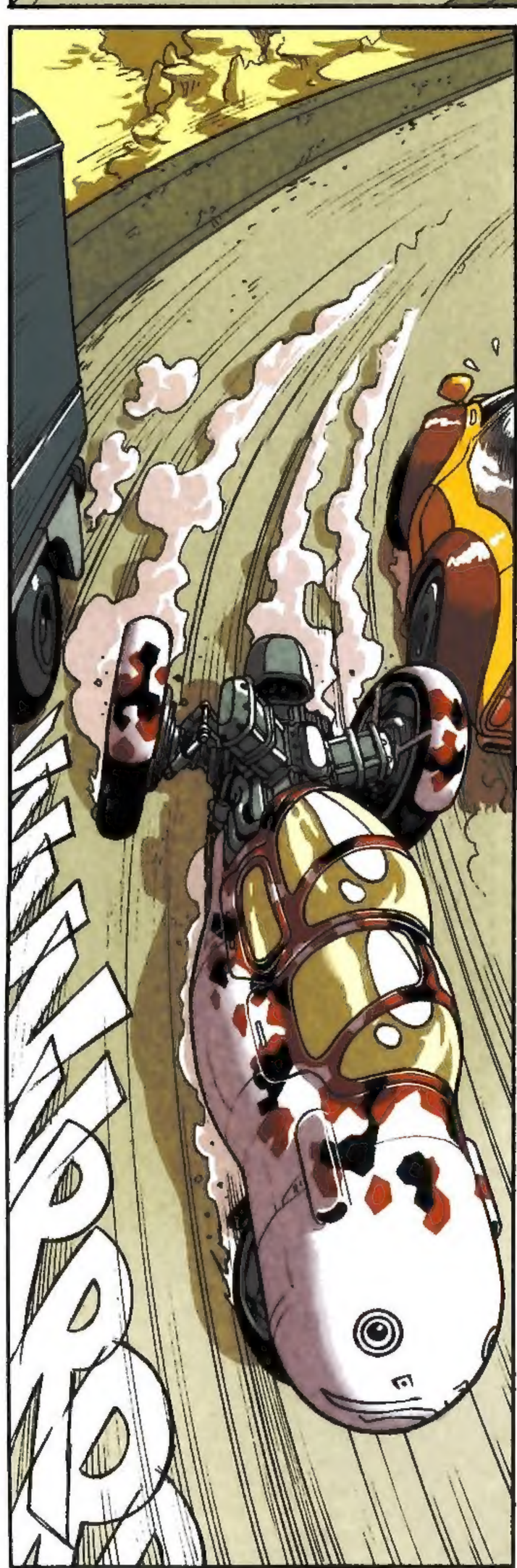
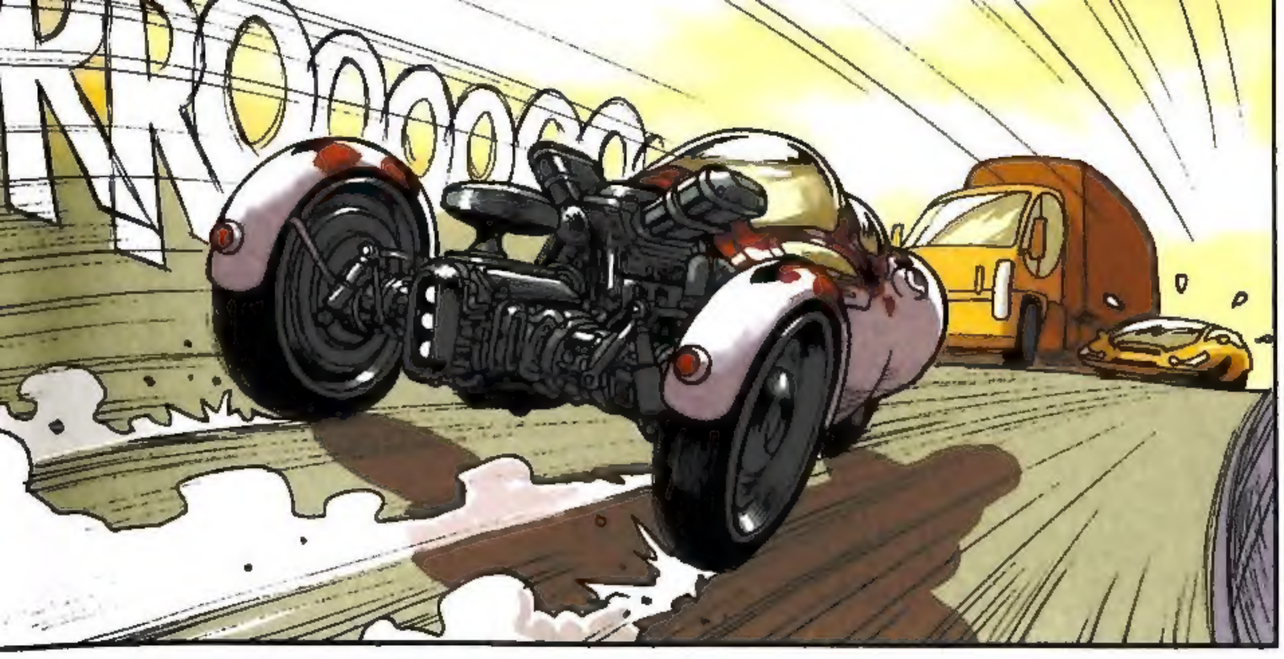
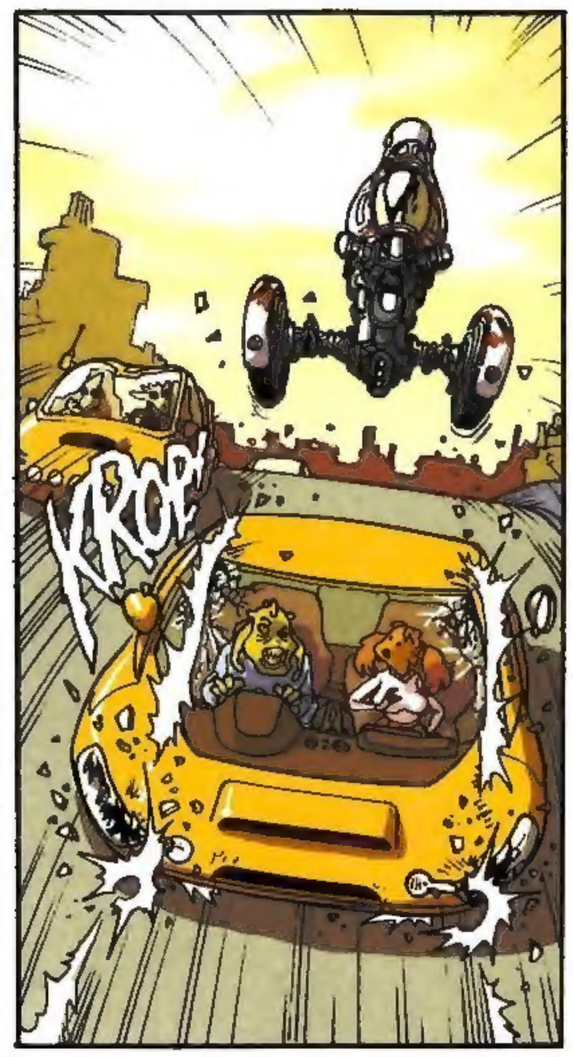
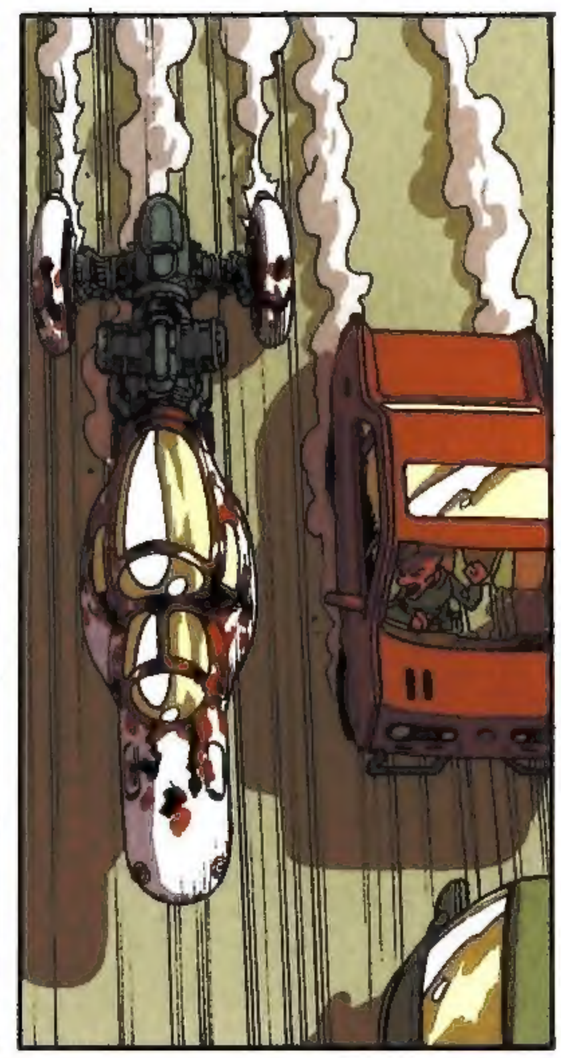

DAD

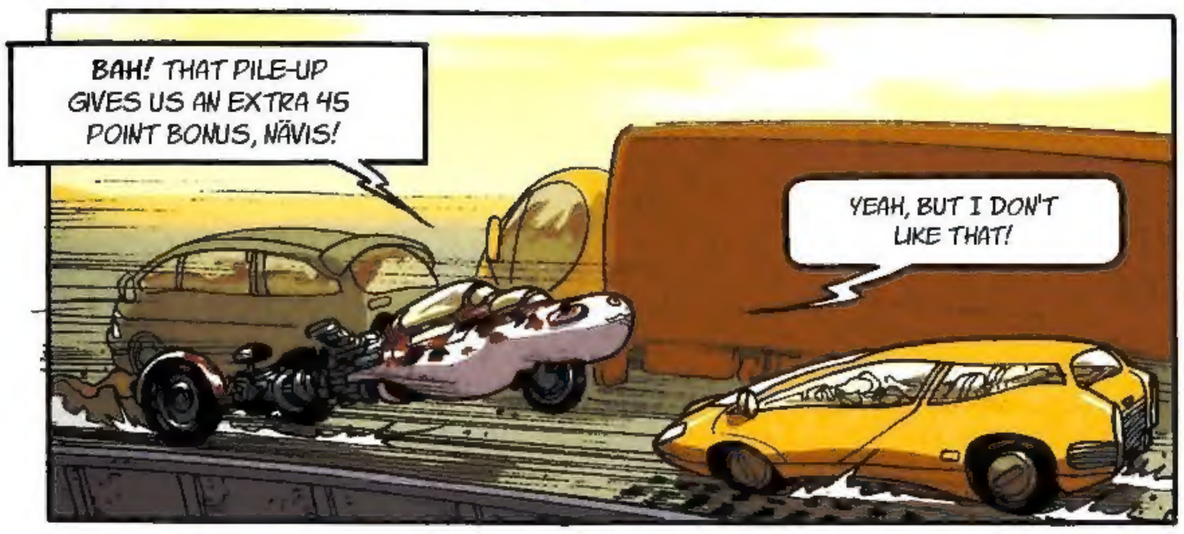
POUKRAM!

...THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE HIT ANYONE!

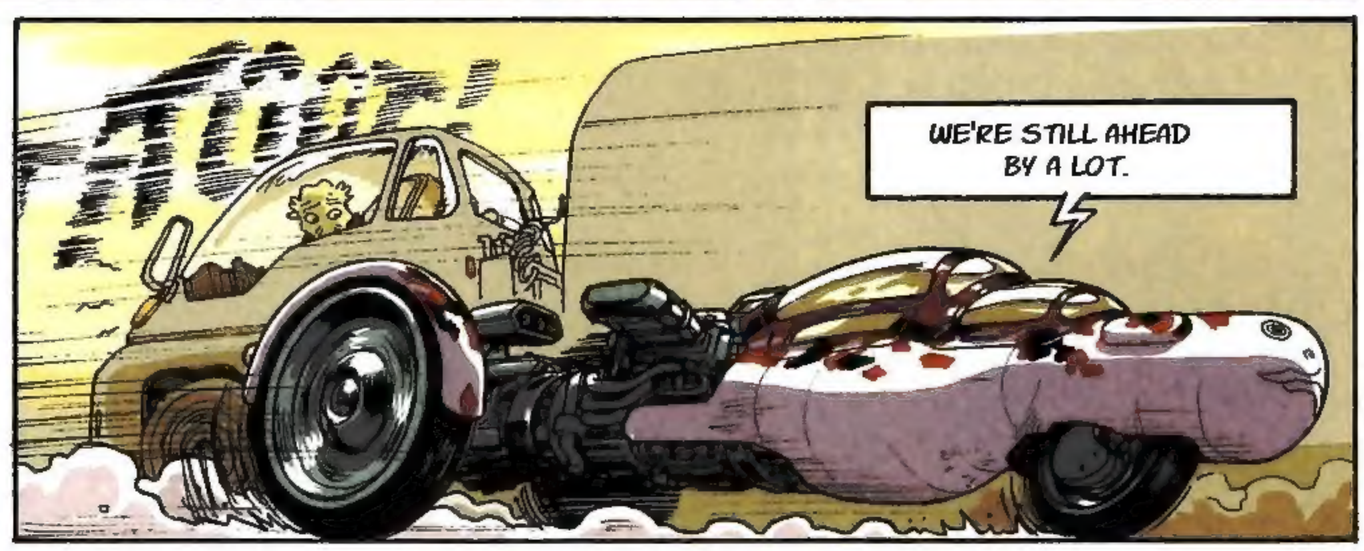

KROOOOOO

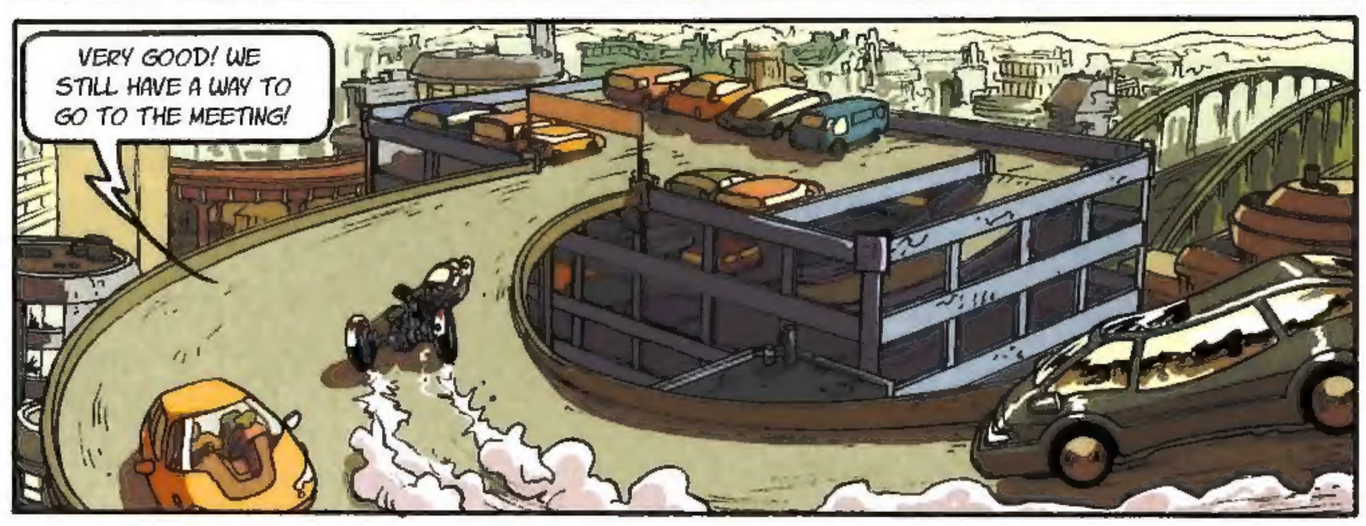

KROP!

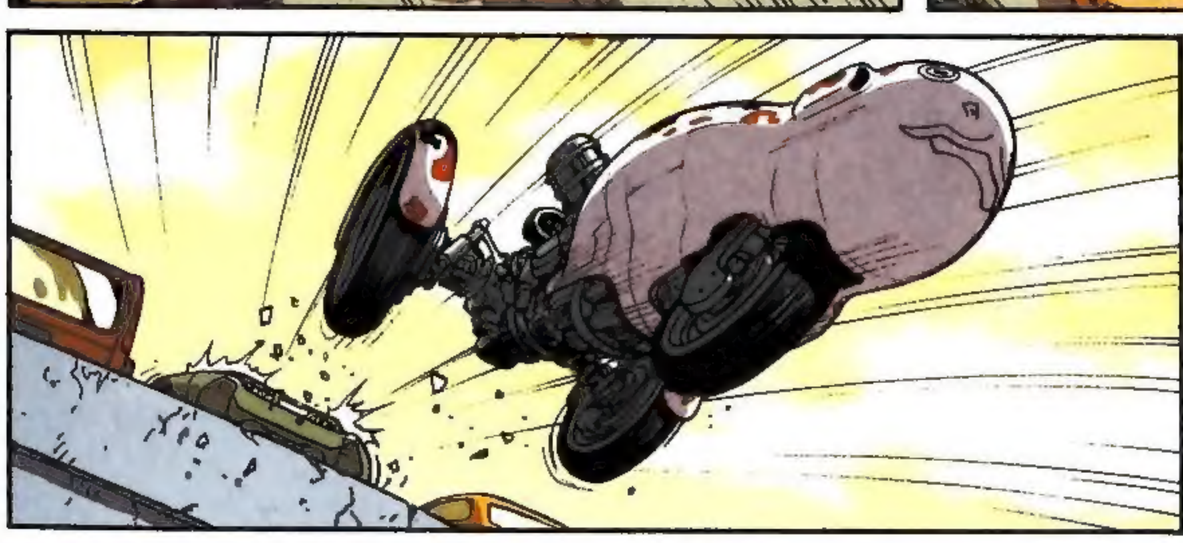



BAH! THAT PILE-UP GIVES US AN EXTRA 45 POINT BONUS, NÄVIS!
YEAH, BUT I DON'T LIKE THAT!

KRASH!

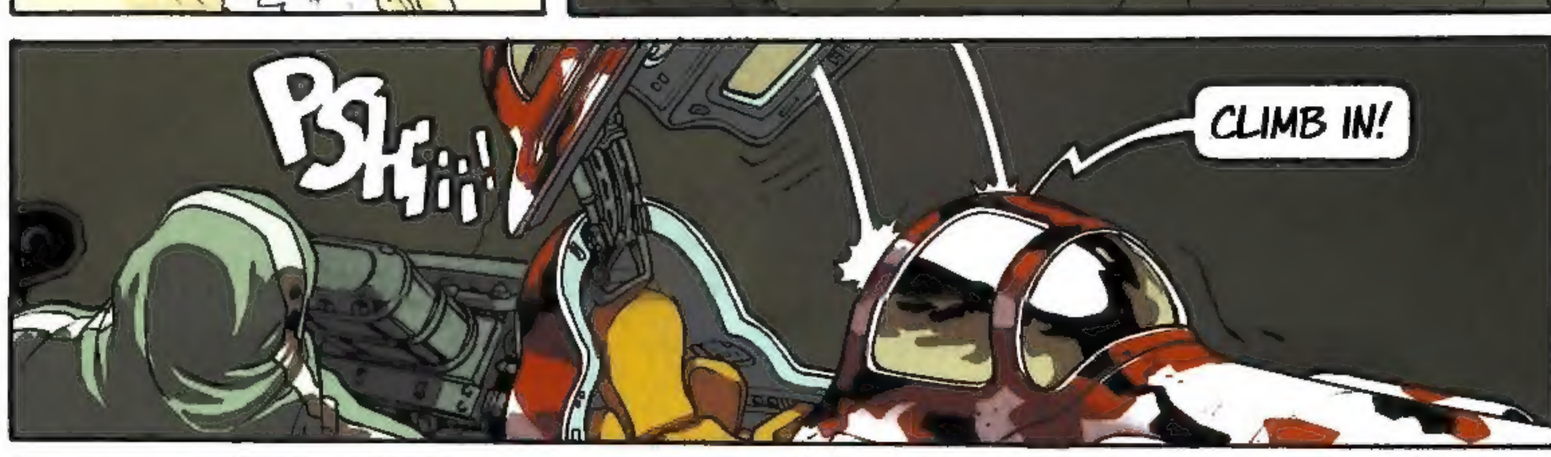

WE'RE STILL AHEAD BY A LOT.


VERY GOOD! WE STILL HAVE A WAY TO GO TO THE MEETING!

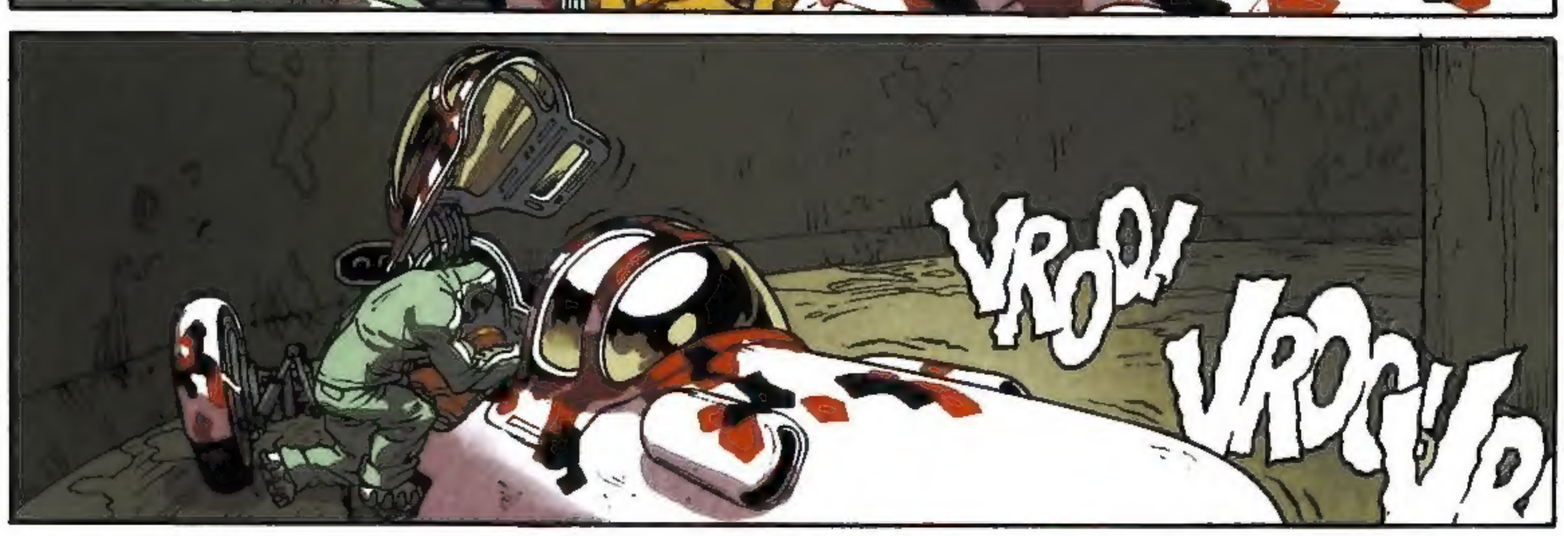


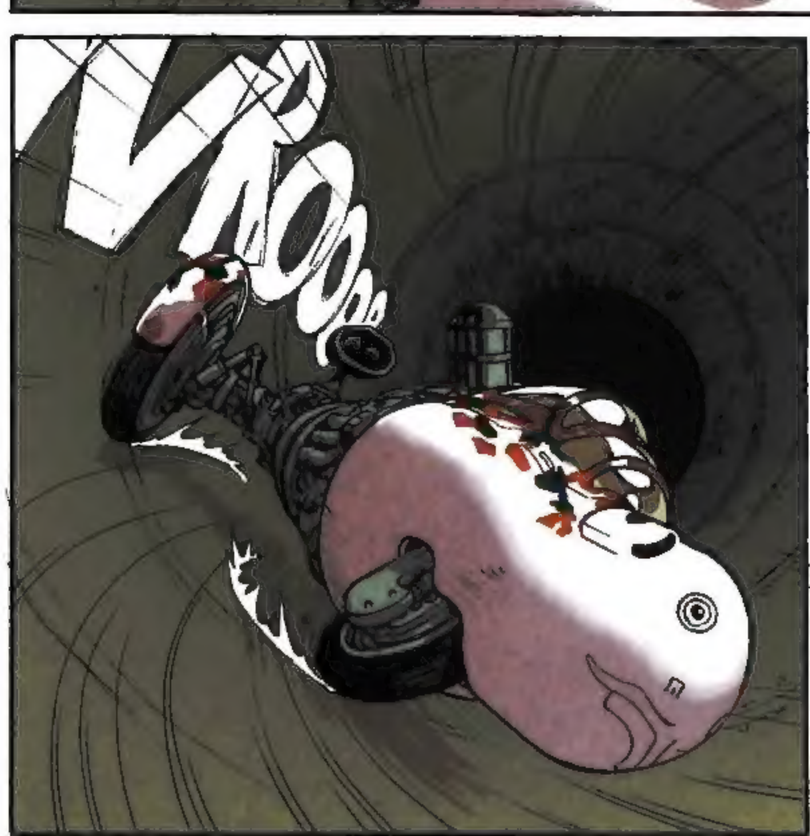
WE'RE SURE OF PERFECT TIMING. WE'RE CLOSE.

I'M NOT INTERESTED IN BEING LATE!

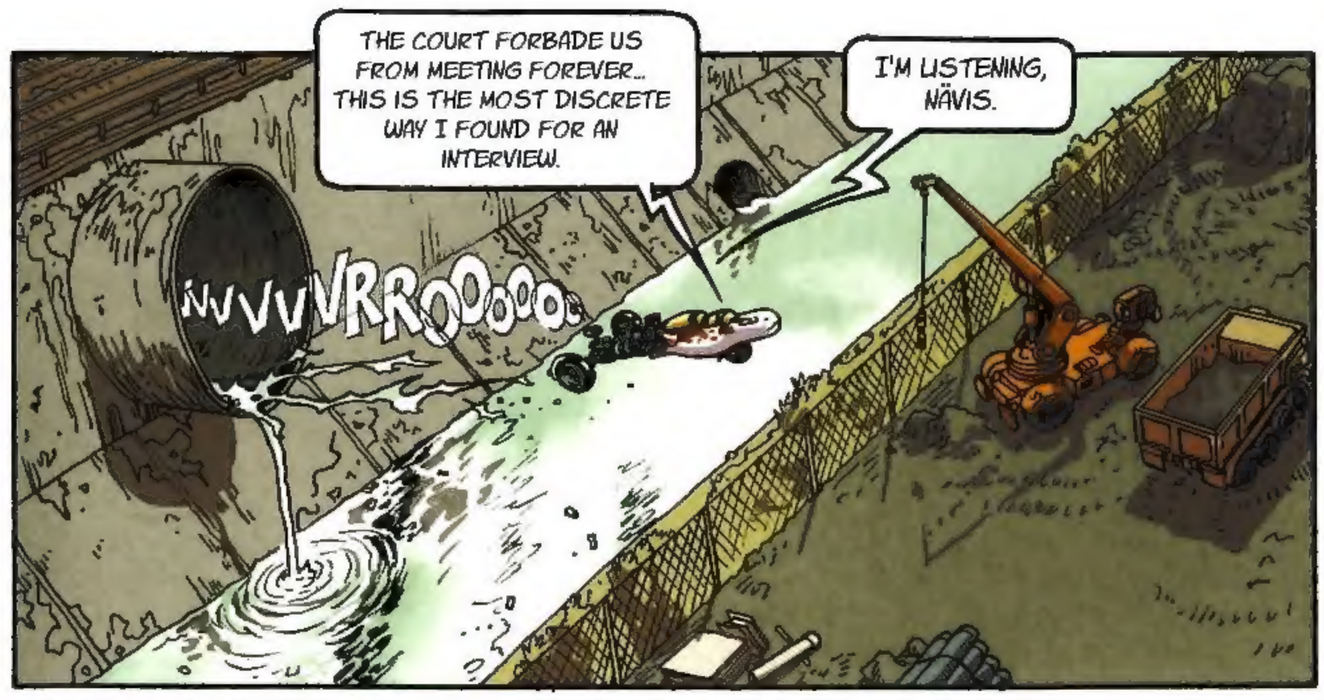

PSH!!!
CLIMB IN!

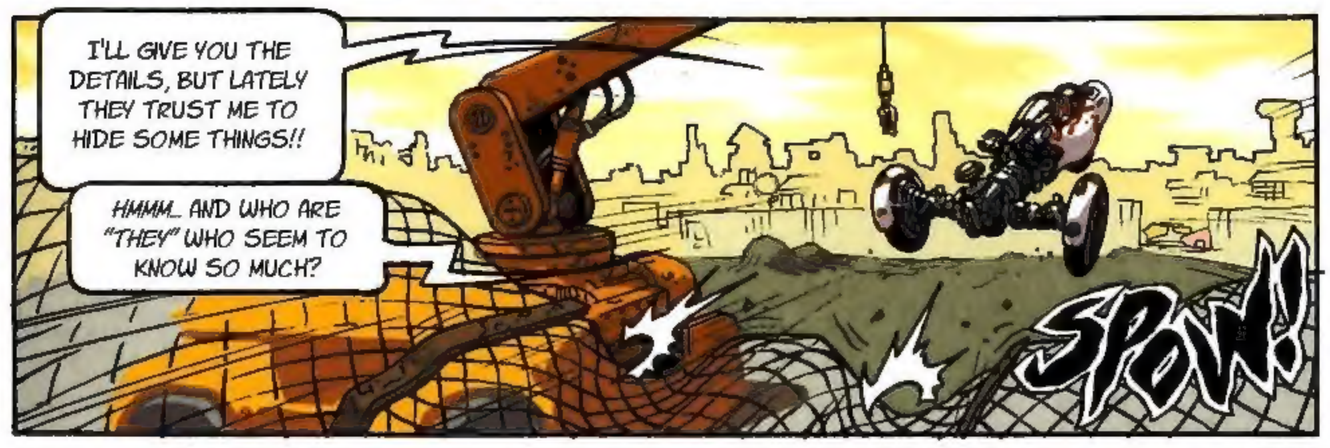
CLAP!

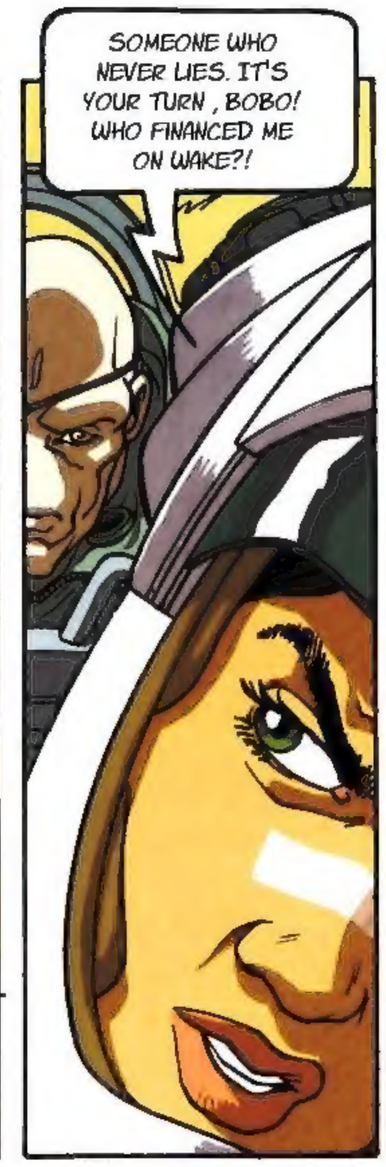

VROO!
VROOVO!

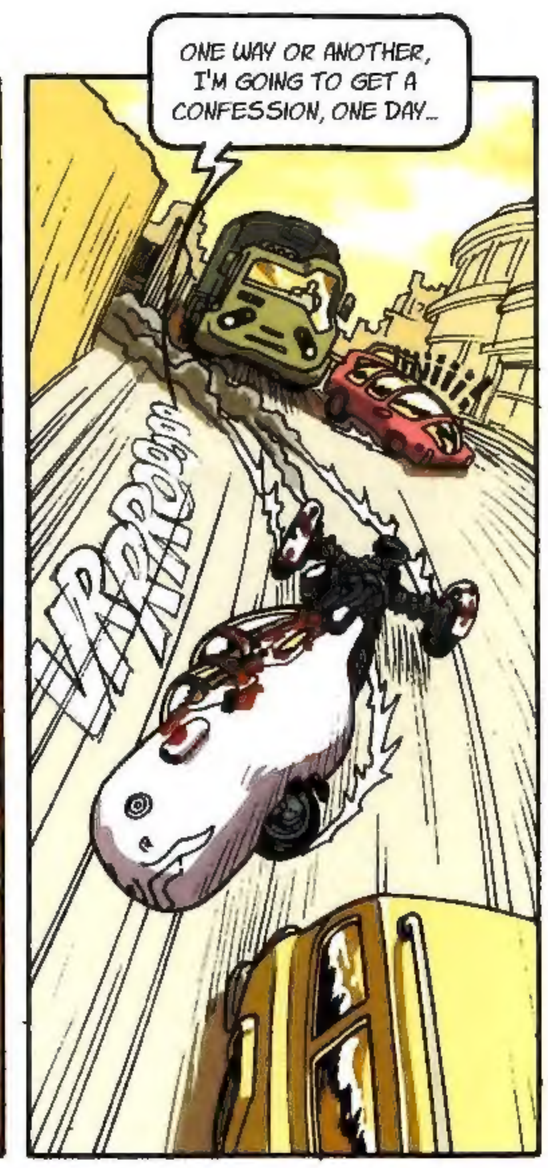

VROO...

WANT ME TO DRIVE?
NO!
I HAVE IT!


THE COURT FORBADE US FROM MEETING FOREVER... THIS IS THE MOST DISCRETE WAY I FOUND FOR AN INTERVIEW.
I'M LISTENING, NÄVIS.
NVVVVRROOOOO


I'LL GIVE YOU THE DETAILS, BUT LATELY THEY TRUST ME TO HIDE SOME THINGS!!
HMMM... AND WHO ARE "THEY" WHO SEEM TO KNOW SO MUCH?
SPOW!


SOMEONE WHO NEVER LIES. IT'S YOUR TURN, BOBO! WHO FINANCED ME ON WAKE?!


ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, I'M GOING TO GET A CONFESSION, ONE DAY...

IT'S ENSHU ATSYKAU.

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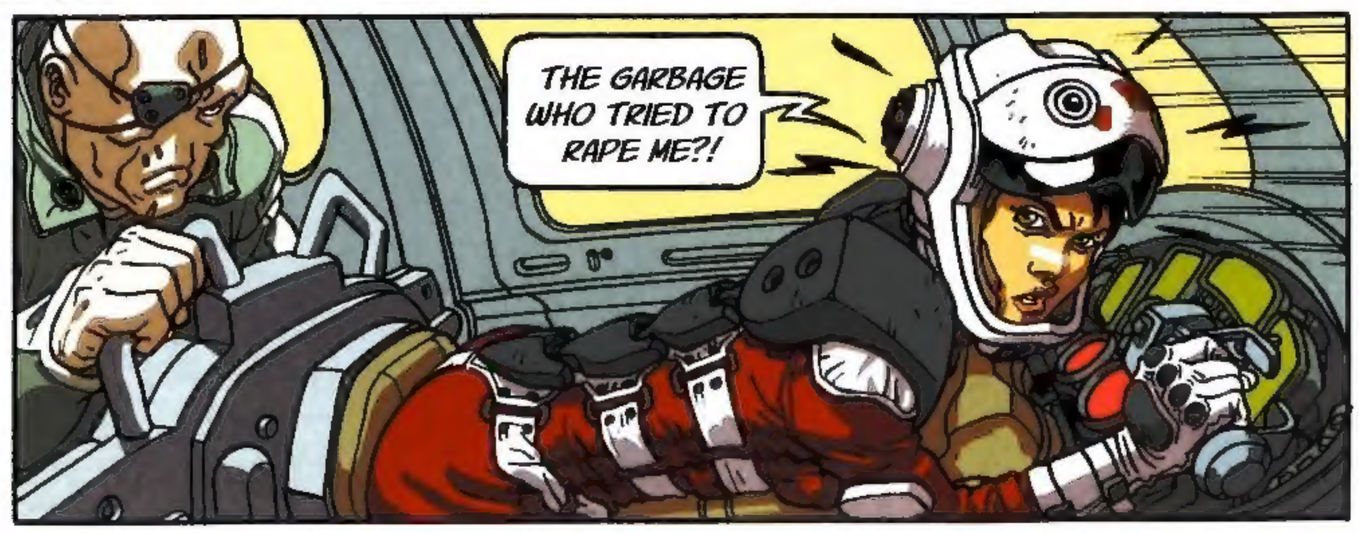
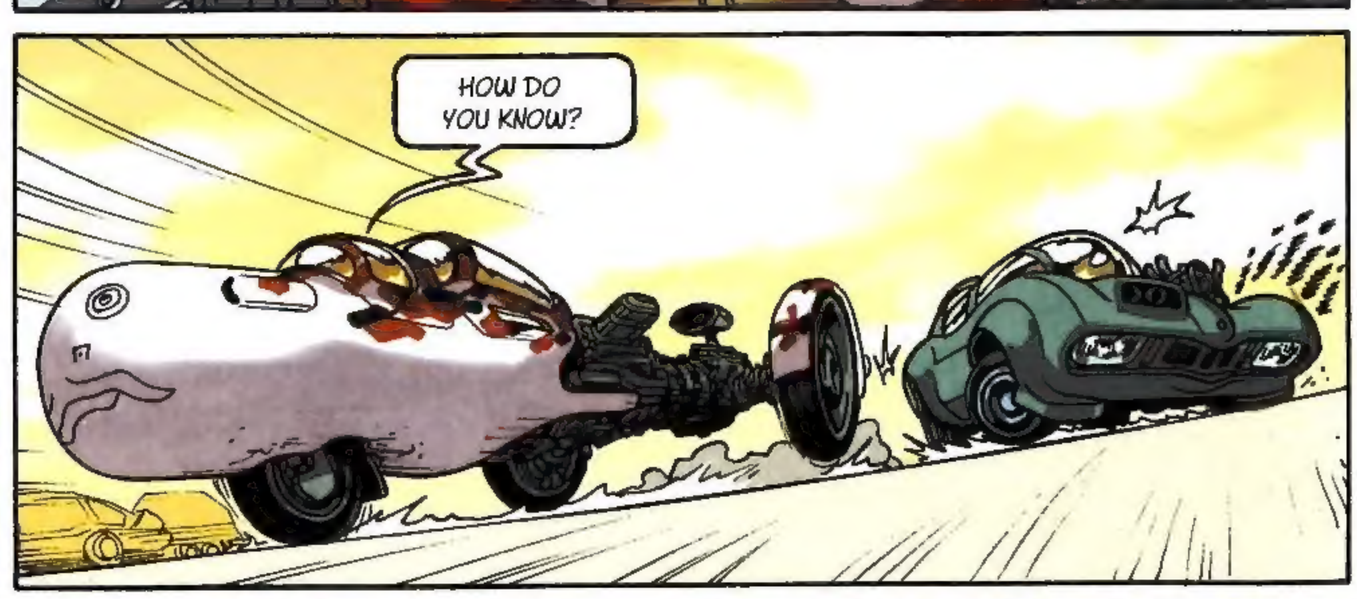
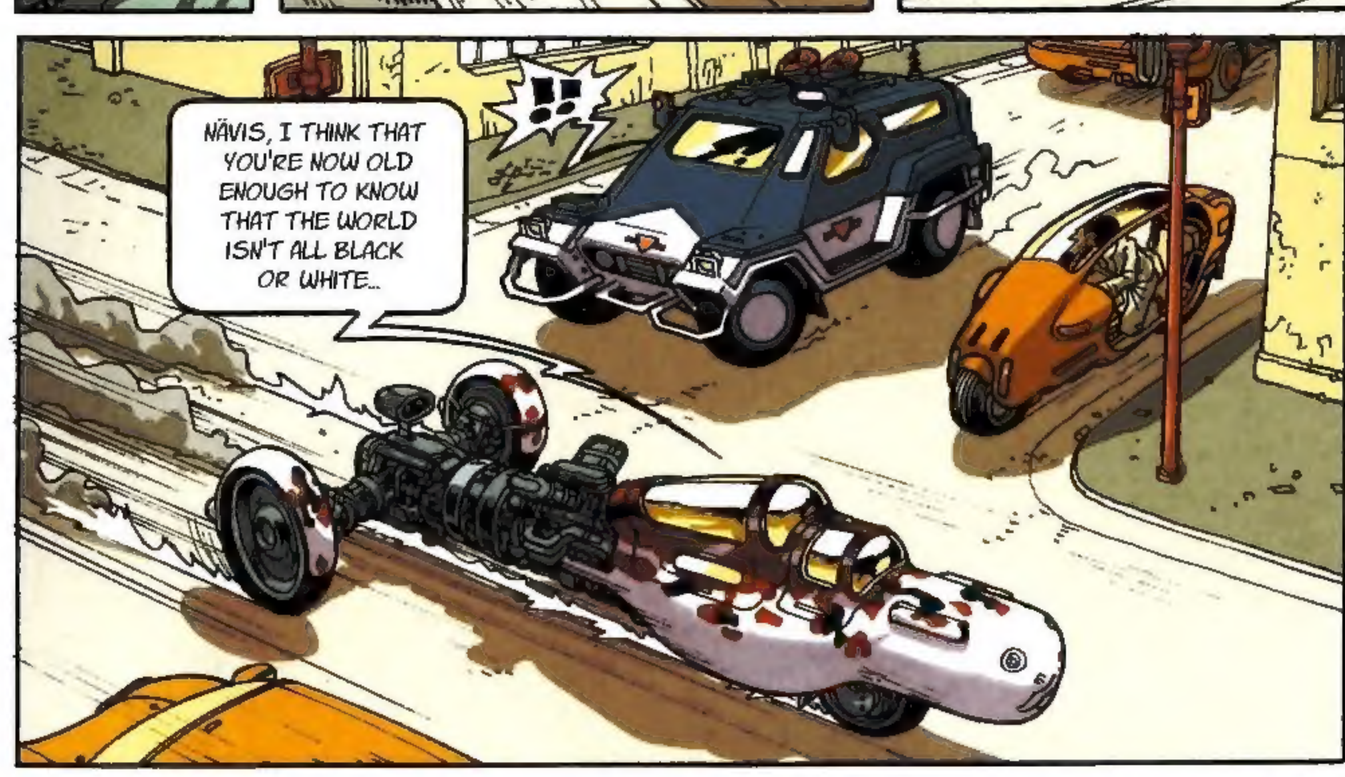

THE GARBAGE WHO TRIED TO RAPE ME?!


HOW DO YOU KNOW?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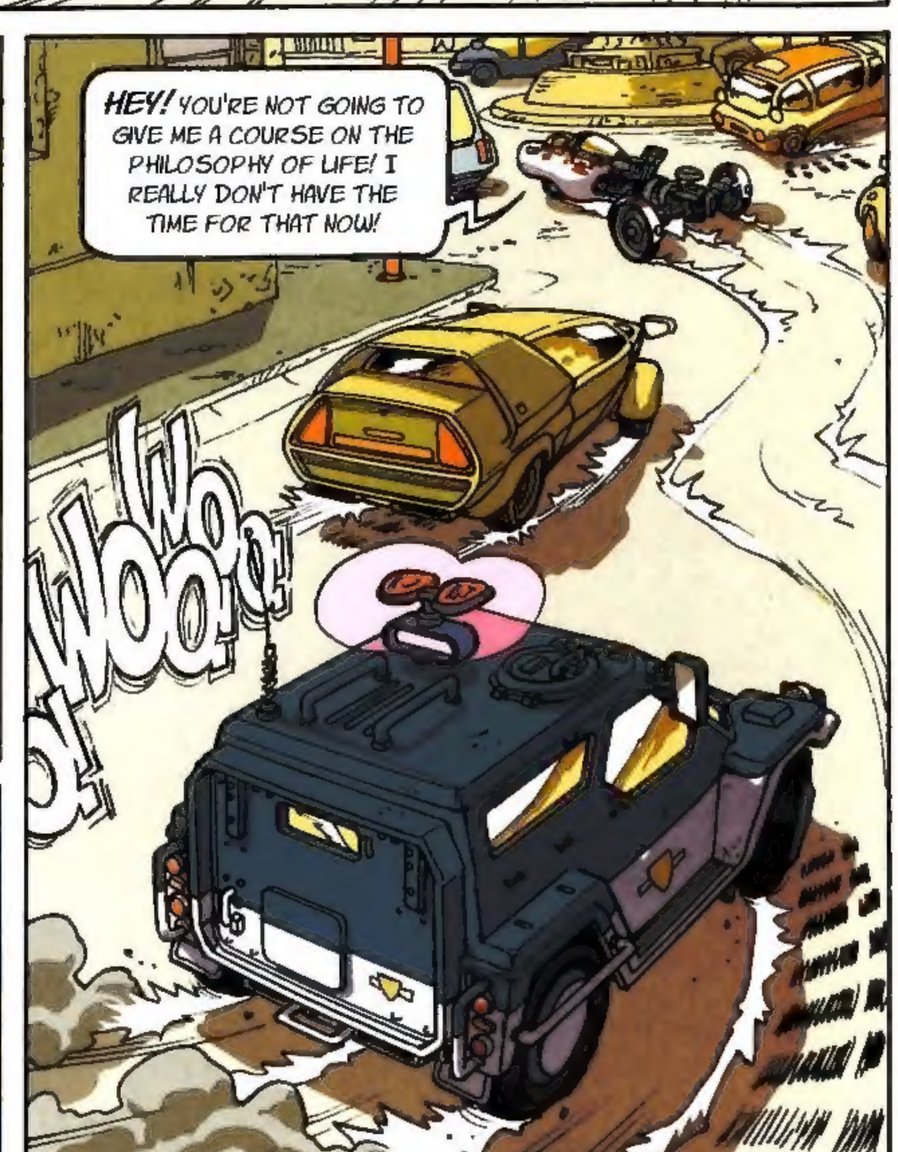
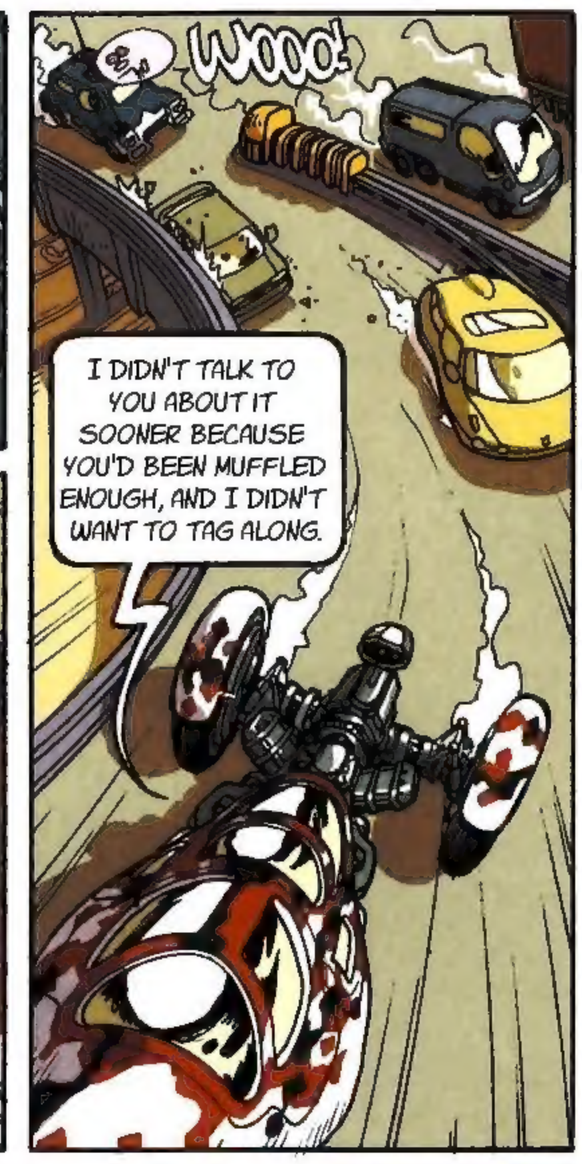
NÄVIS, I THINK THAT YOU'RE NOW OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT THE WORLD ISN'T ALL BLACK OR WHITE...

WOW! 239 KPC!
WE'RE GOING TO GET THEM!


HEY! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GIVE ME A COURSE ON THE PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE! I REALLY DON'T HAVE THE TIME FOR THAT NOW!
Woa!

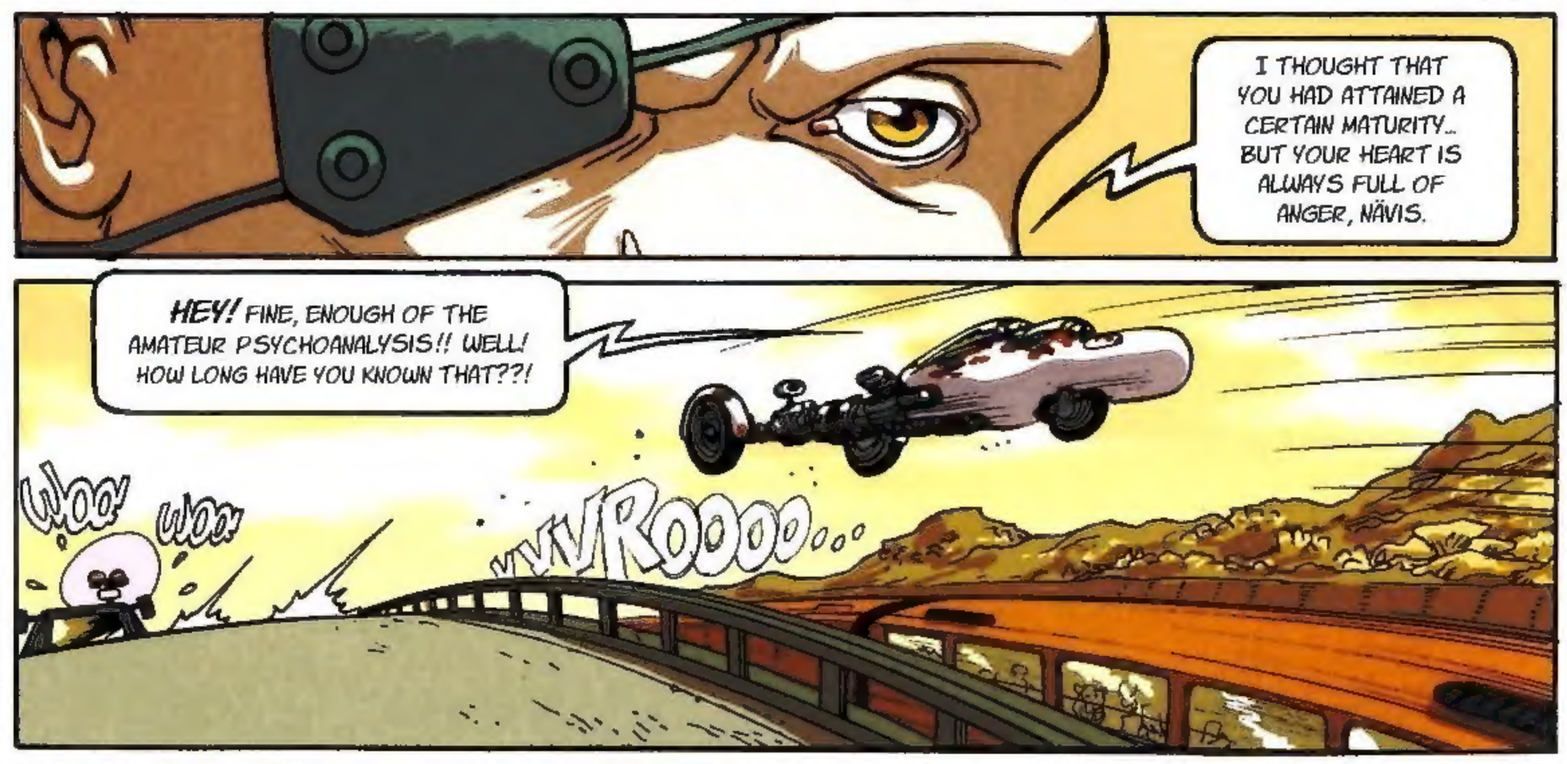
WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT, IS KNOWING WHY YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING!

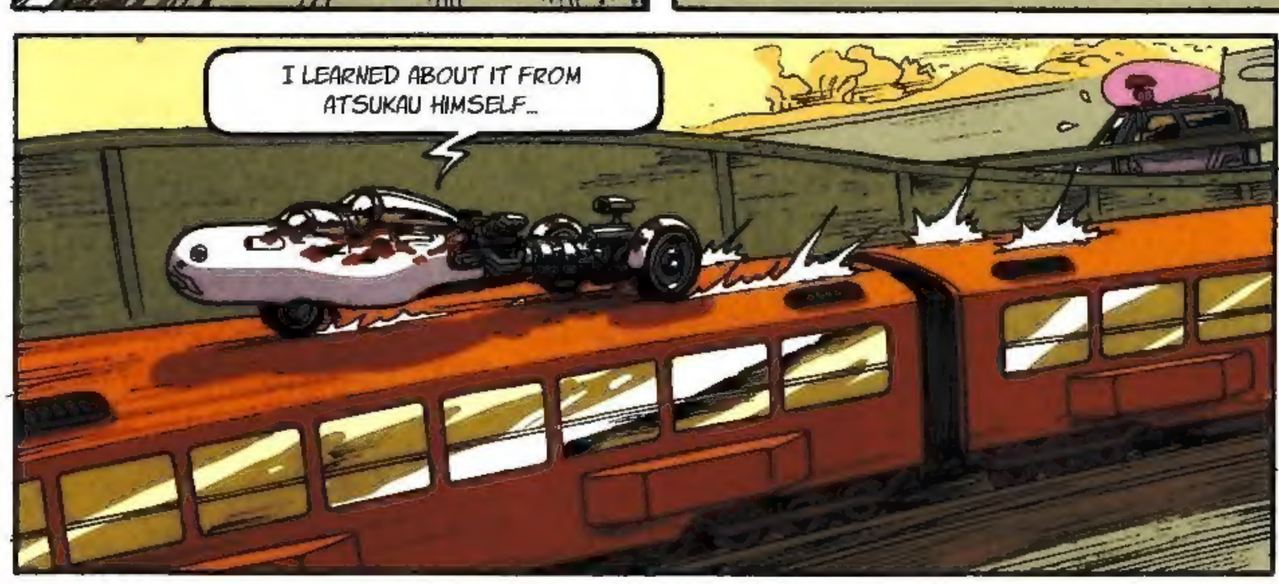
Woo!
Woo!
Woo!
...AND ALSO, HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN?


Wooo!
I DIDN'T TALK TO YOU ABOUT IT SOONER BECAUSE YOU'D BEEN MUFFLED ENOUGH, AND I DIDN'T WANT TO TAG ALONG.

HEY! THINKING THAT THEY BETRAYED ME WAS FOR MY OWN GOOD?!

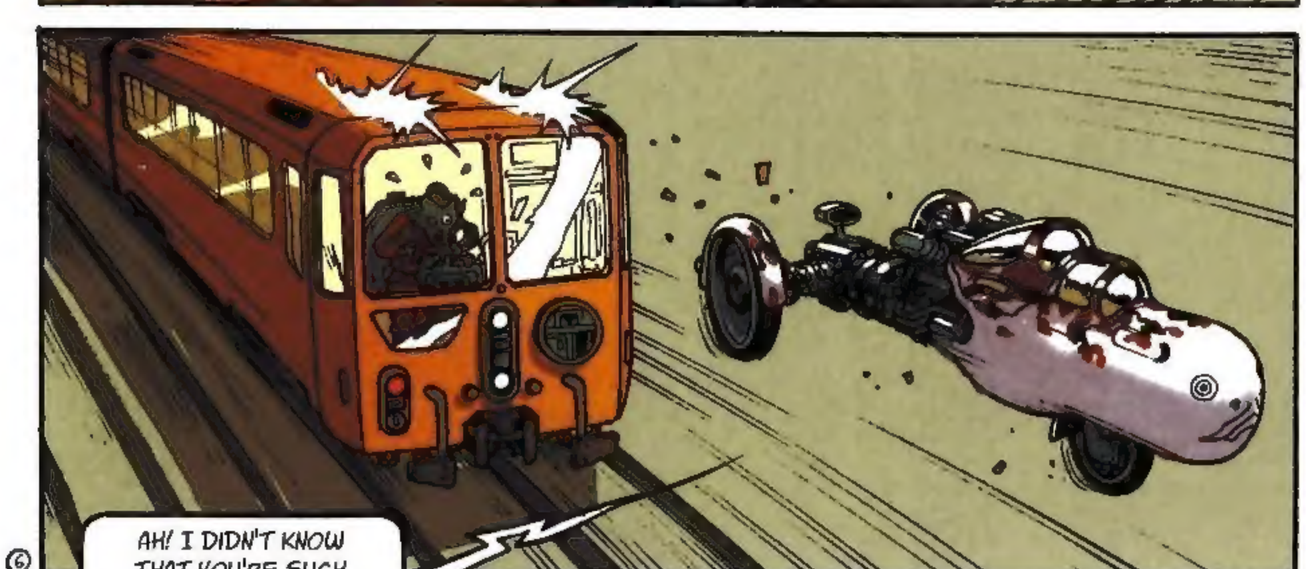
Woo!
IF ALL OF YOU STOPPED TRYING TO MANAGE AND MANIPULATE ME, WE WOULDN'T BE HERE!

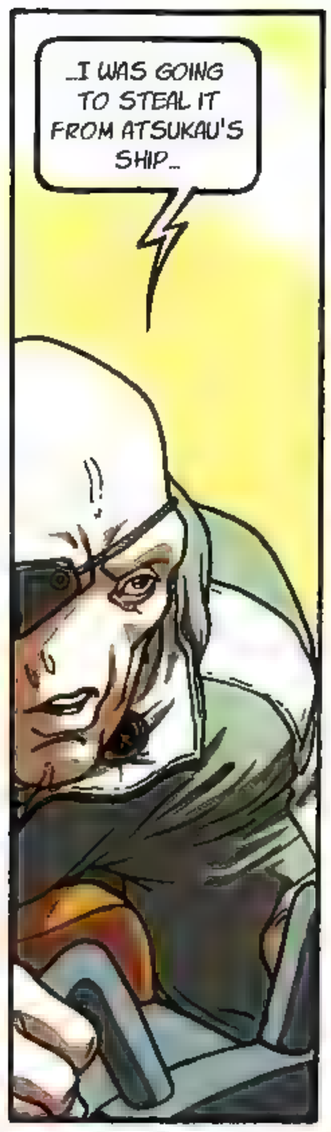

I THOUGHT THAT YOU HAD ATTAINED A CERTAIN MATURITY... BUT YOUR HEART IS ALWAYS FULL OF ANGER, NÄVIS.
HEY! FINE, ENOUGH OF THE AMATEUR PSYCHOANALYSIS!! WELL! HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THAT??!
Woo!
Woo!
VVVROOOO...

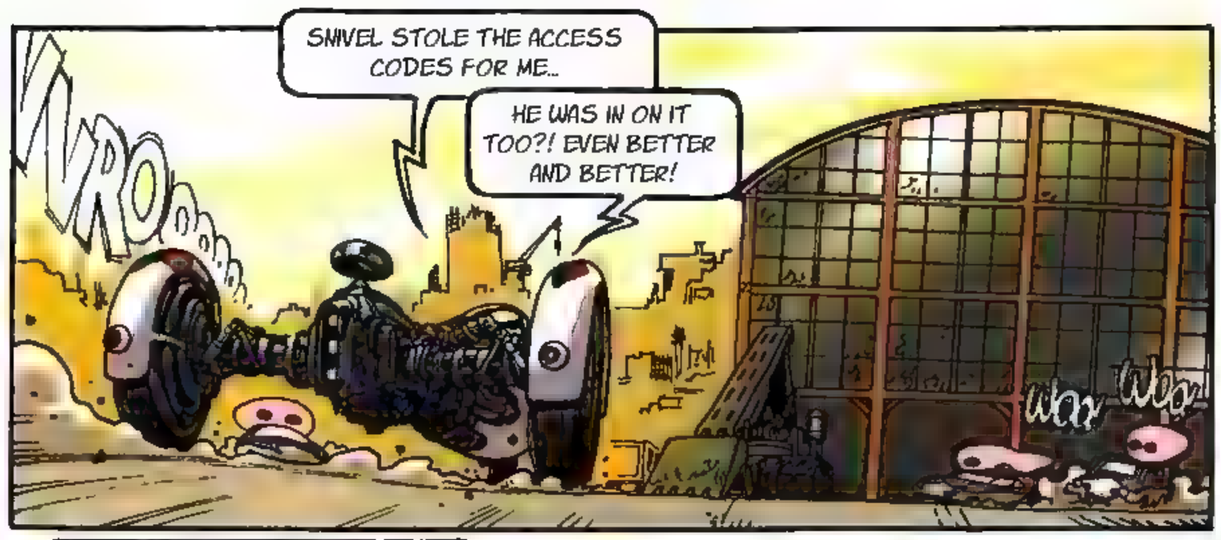

I LEARNED ABOUT IT FROM ATSUKAU HIMSELF...

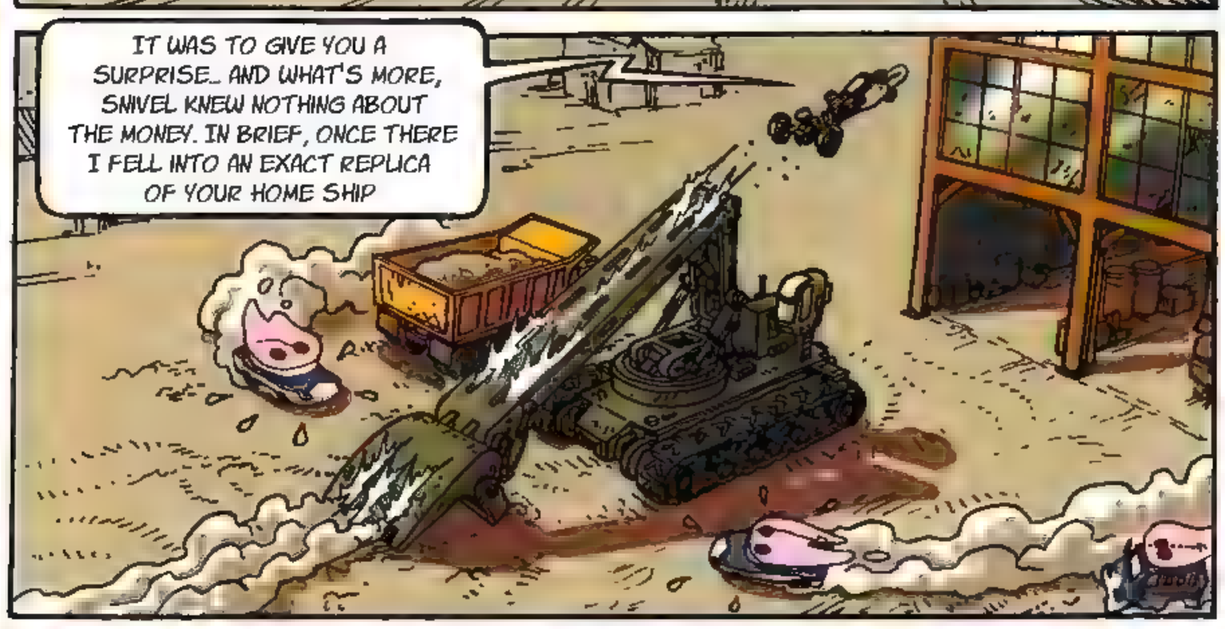
NOT AT ALL, NÄVIS, DO YOU RECALL WHEN I GAVE YOU THE VISTERN?
YES, TO CELEBRATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF MY ARRIVAL ON WAKE.

VVVROOO...
THAT'S RIGHT, ON THE YACHT SOME BUNCH OF PIRATES DECIDED TO BOARD! WELL... THAT VISTERN...


AH! I DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOU'RE SUCH GOOD FRIENDS!

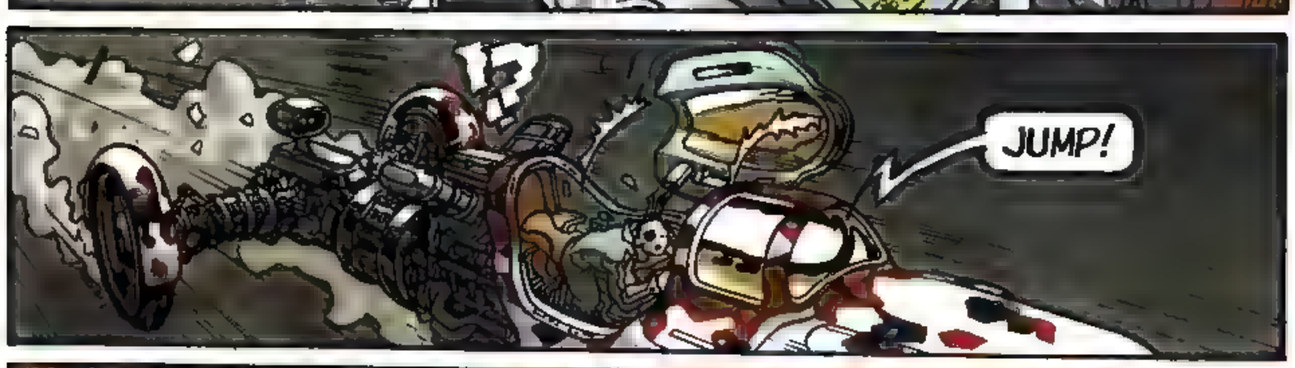

...I WAS GOING TO STEAL IT FROM ATSUKAU'S SHIP...


SNIVEL STOLE THE ACCESS CODES FOR ME...
HE WAS IN ON IT TOO?! EVEN BETTER AND BETTER!
Wa Wa

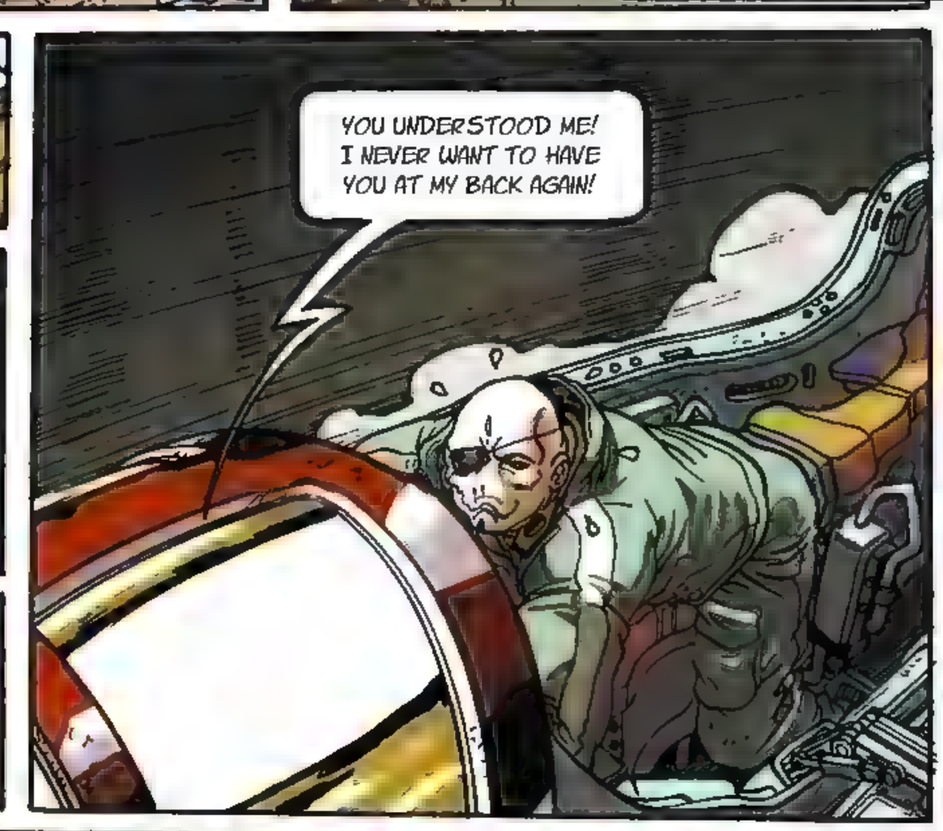

IT WAS TO GIVE YOU A SURPRISE... AND WHAT'S MORE, SNIVEL KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE MONEY. IN BRIEF, ONCE THERE I FELL INTO AN EXACT REPLICA OF YOUR HOME SHIP

THAT MANIAC IS A REALLY A BIG LOON!
IN THE COPY OF YOUR HOUSE, HE BUILT A MUSEUM TO YOUR GLORY HE WAITED FOR ME THERE!! HE PUT BACK THE VISTERN AND IT'S THERE HE TRUSTED ME WITH THE SECRET. YOU SEE NÄVIS, I...

THAT'S GOOD! SAVE YOUR BREATH, I KNOW ENOUGH!
Clic!


!?
JUMP!

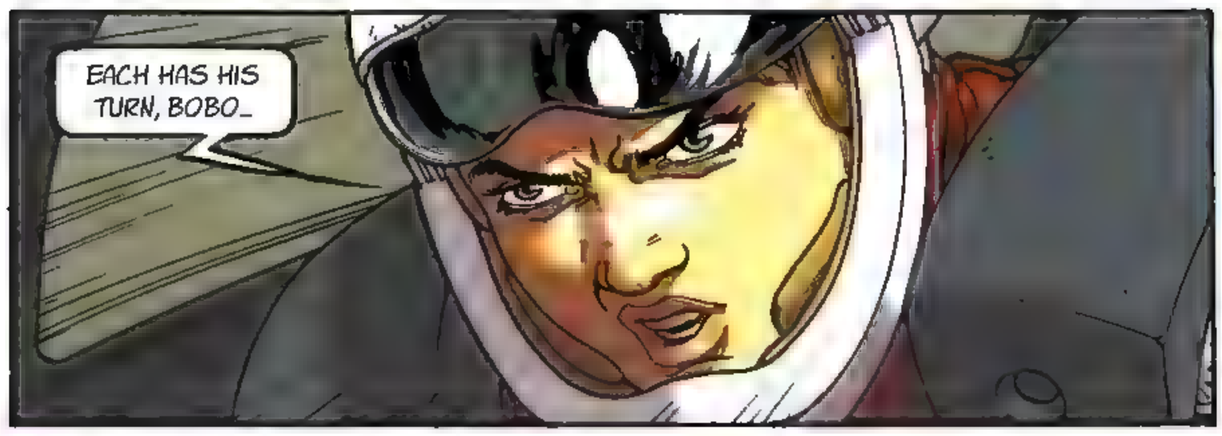
WH... WHAT?!

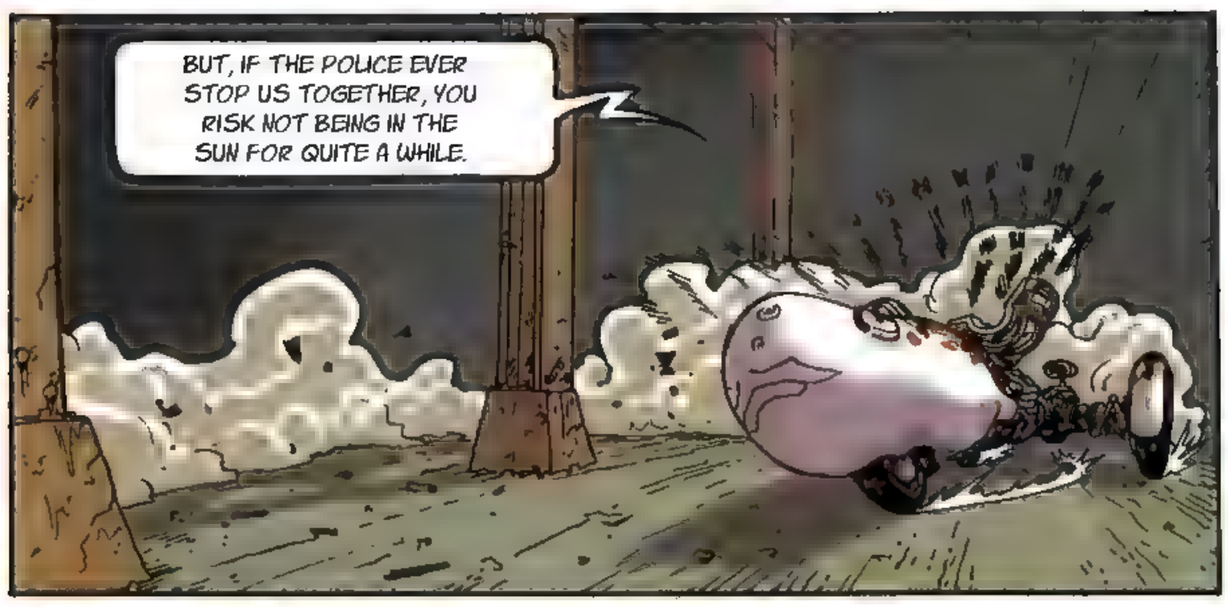

YOU UNDERSTOOD ME! I NEVER WANT TO HAVE YOU AT MY BACK AGAIN!

OK... BUT AT LEAST SLOW DOWN A LITTLE...
YOU'RE JUST A MIGROLEM, RIGHT?!
...AN ARTIFICIAL CREATURE CREATED AND CHAINED TO THE BASEST LABOUR!
YOUR FREEDOM DIDN'T COME BY CHANCE, BUT AFTER ALL, YOU'RE JUST LIKE YOUR FELLOW CREATURES!

NOTHING CAN REALLY HURT YOU!

YET, YOU SUCCEEDED VERY WELL...


EACH HAS HIS TURN, BOBO_


BUT, IF THE POLICE EVER STOP US TOGETHER, YOU RISK NOT BEING IN THE SUN FOR QUITE A WHILE.

YOU SEE_
SNAP

I THINK OF YOUR WELL BEING TOO

GOODBYE.
KICK!

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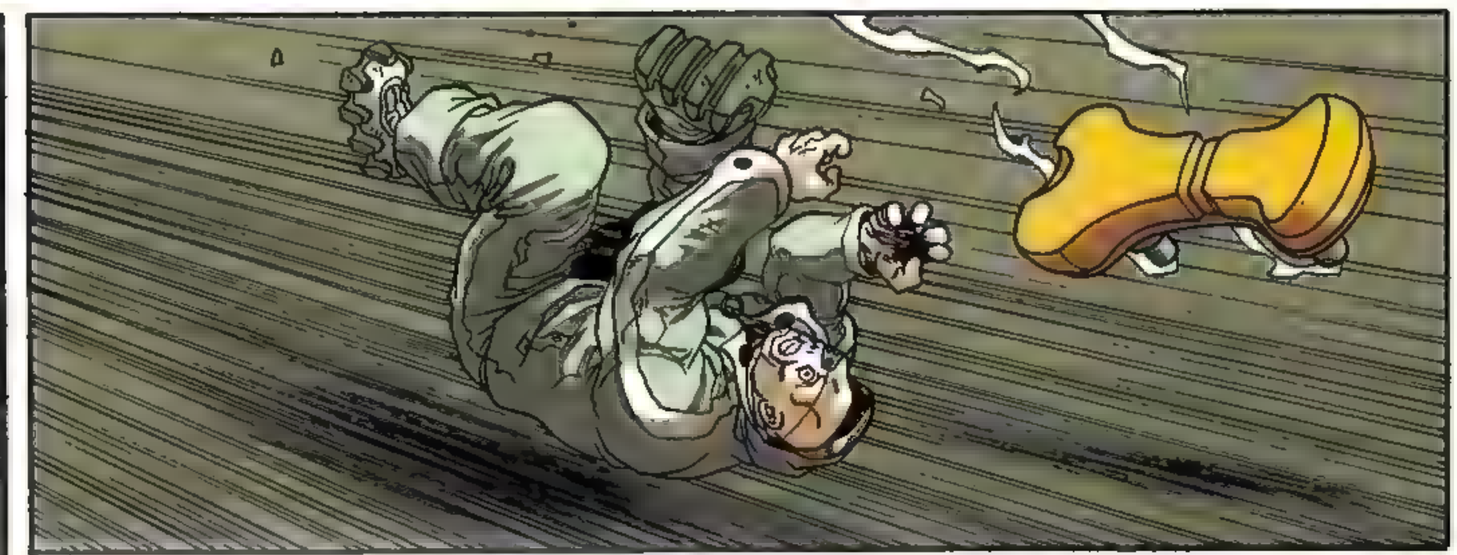
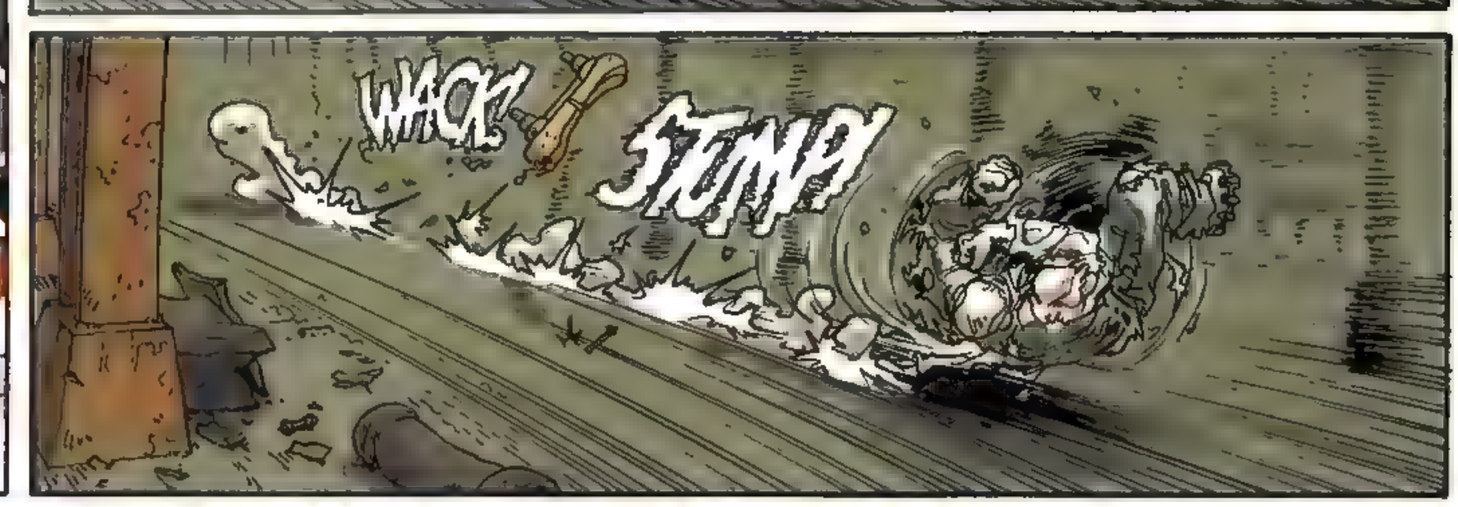
STOLK

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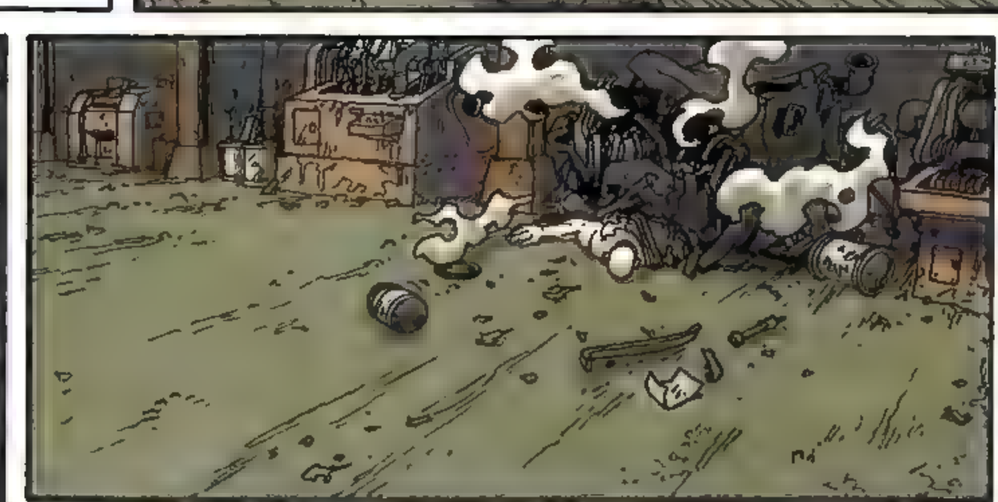
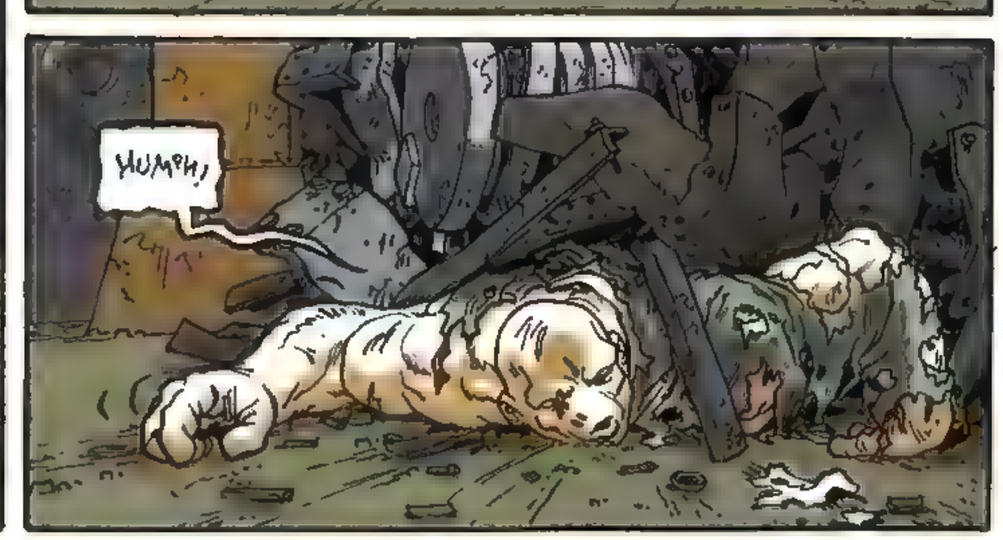
STUMP!

SHE



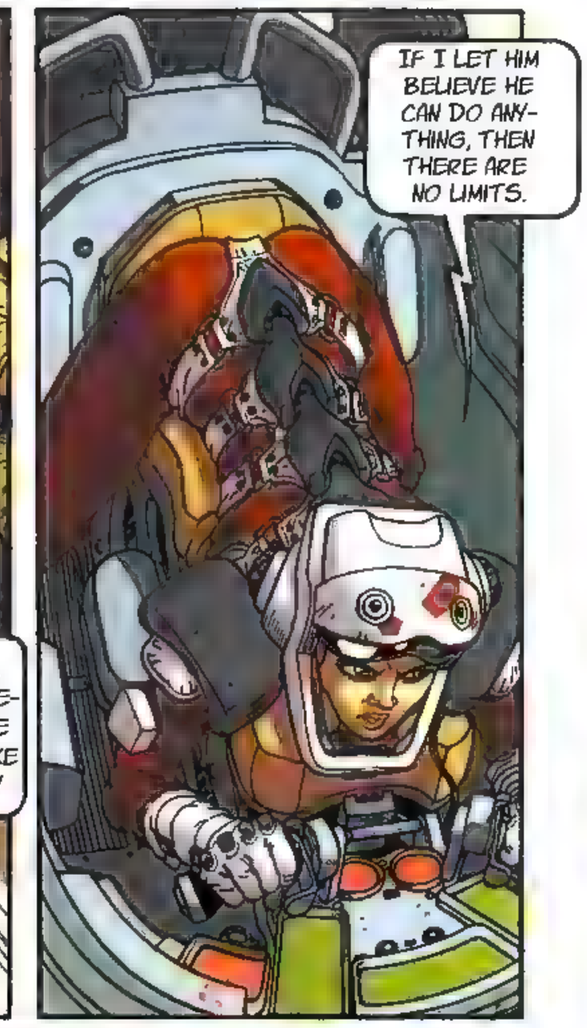

HUMPH!

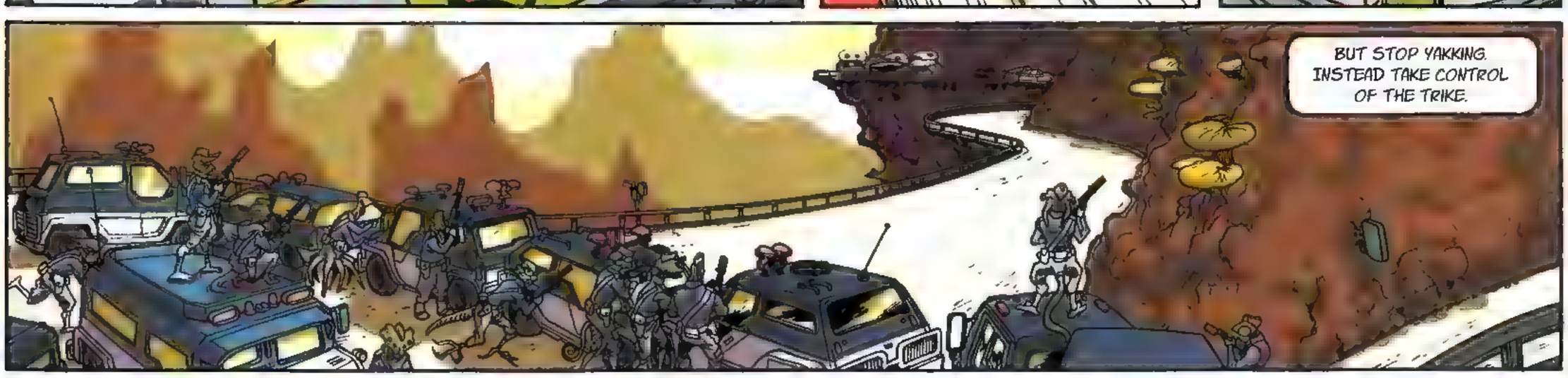
...

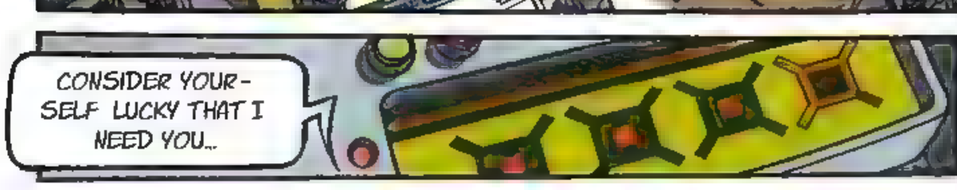
YOU WENT TOO FAR, NÄVIS...

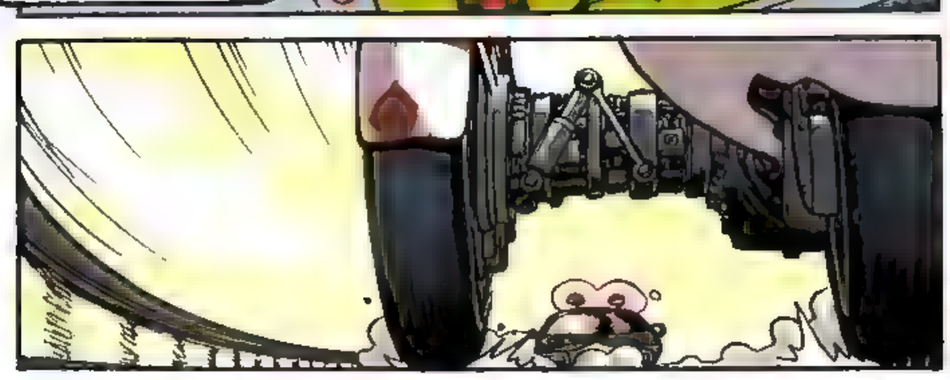
POOR BOBO DID NOTHING TO DESERVE THAT.

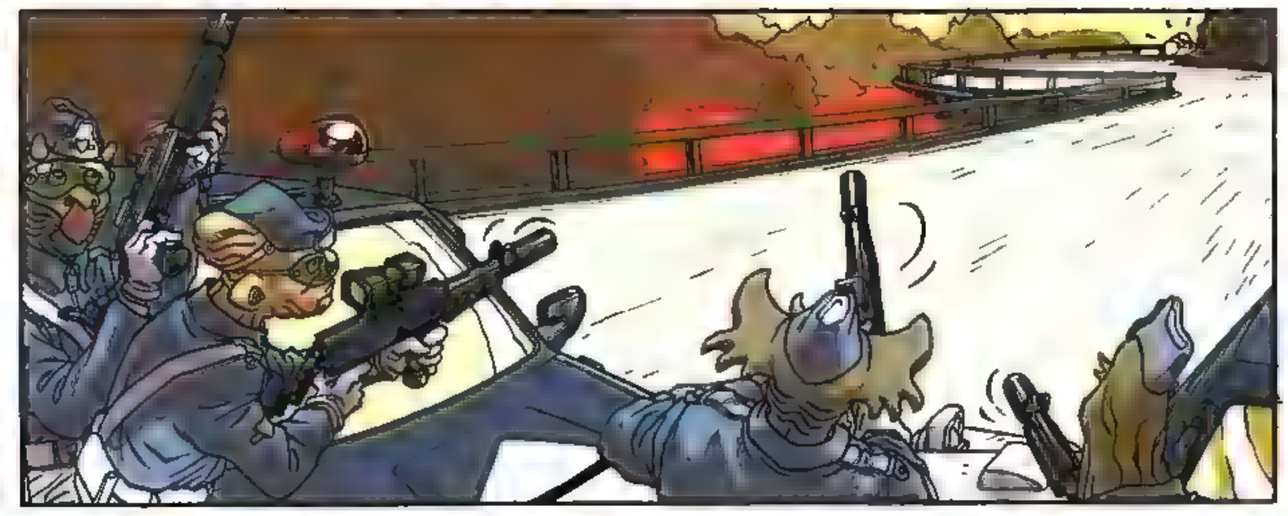
HE ALWAYS ACTED FOR YOUR GOOD
I KNOW, BUT SOMETIMES HE MUST TAKE THE HIT!

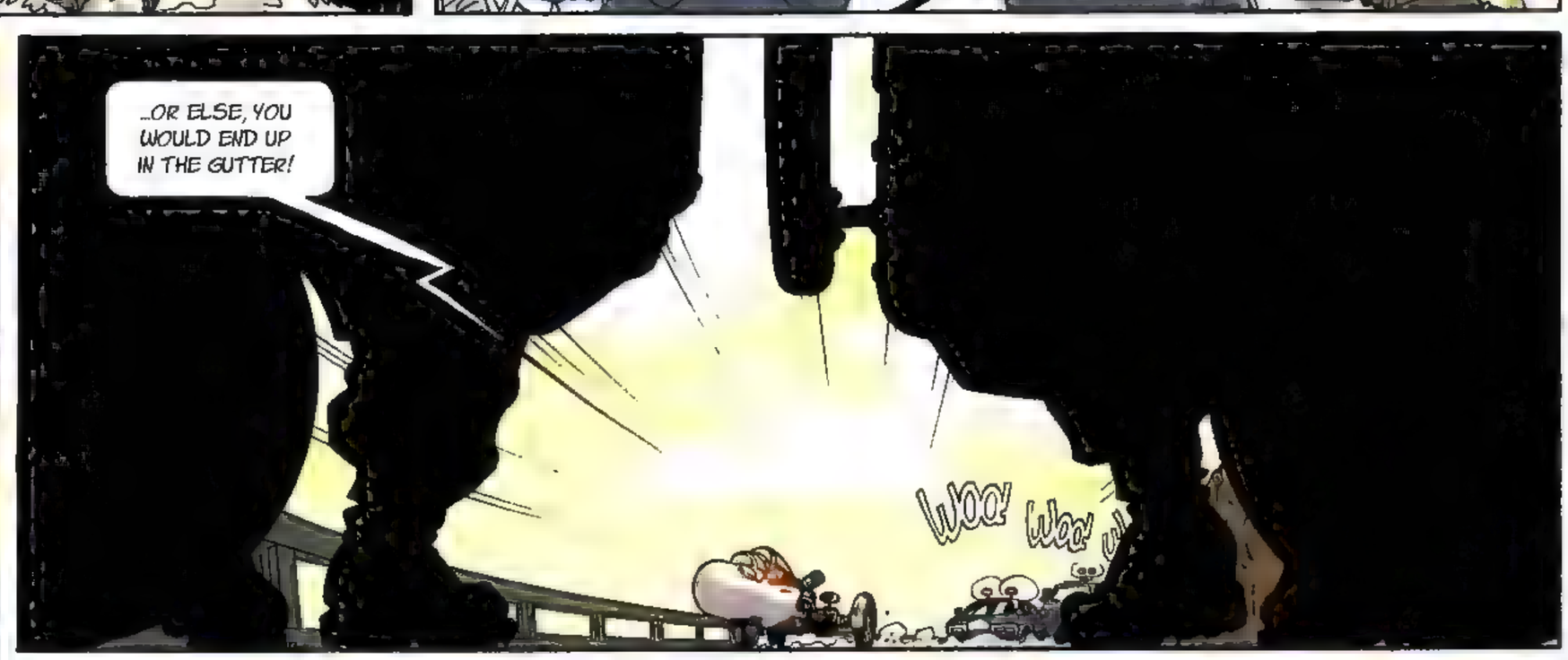

IF I LET HIM BELIEVE HE CAN DO ANYTHING, THEN THERE ARE NO LIMITS.

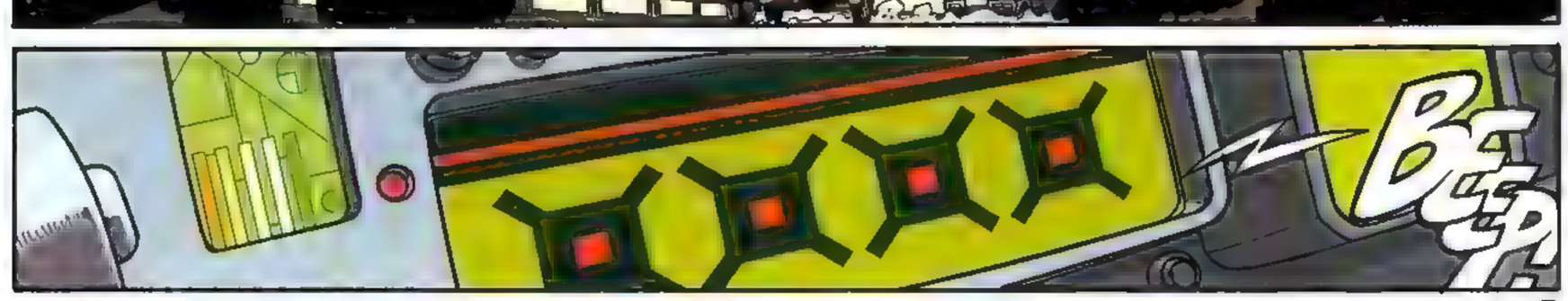

BUT STOP YAKKING. INSTEAD TAKE CONTROL OF THE TRIKE.


CONSIDER YOURSELF LUCKY THAT I NEED YOU...





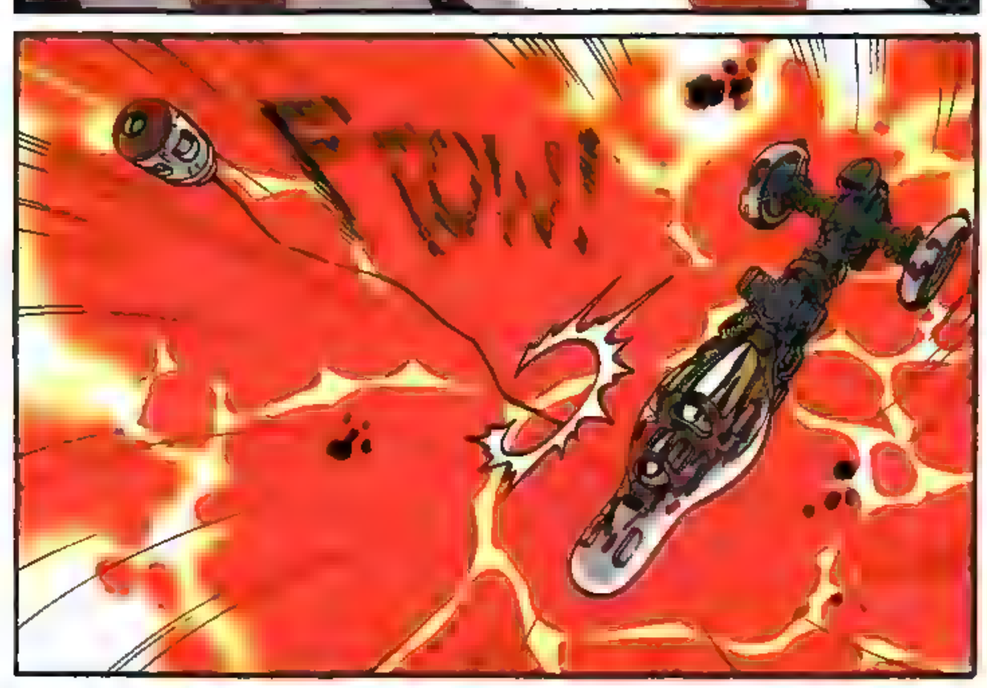

...OR ELSE, YOU WOULD END UP IN THE GUTTER!
WOA! WOA!


BEEP!

EEEEEEEE

KRAK!

KLEK!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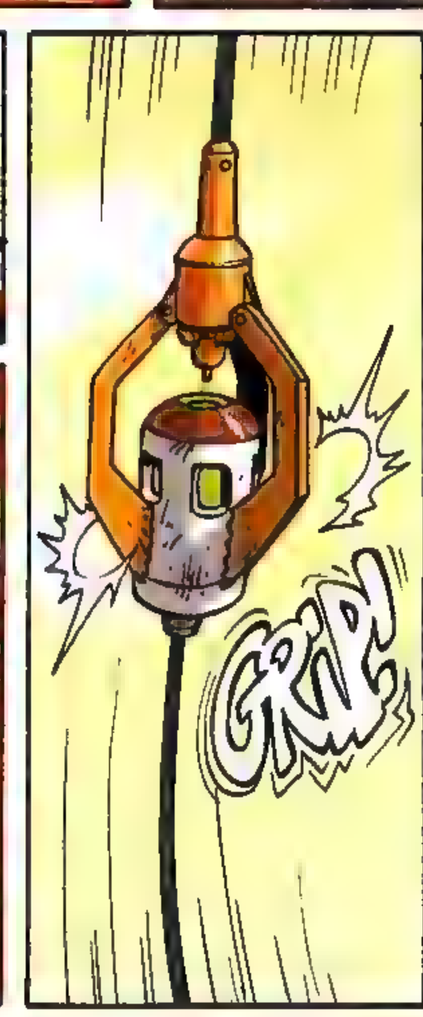
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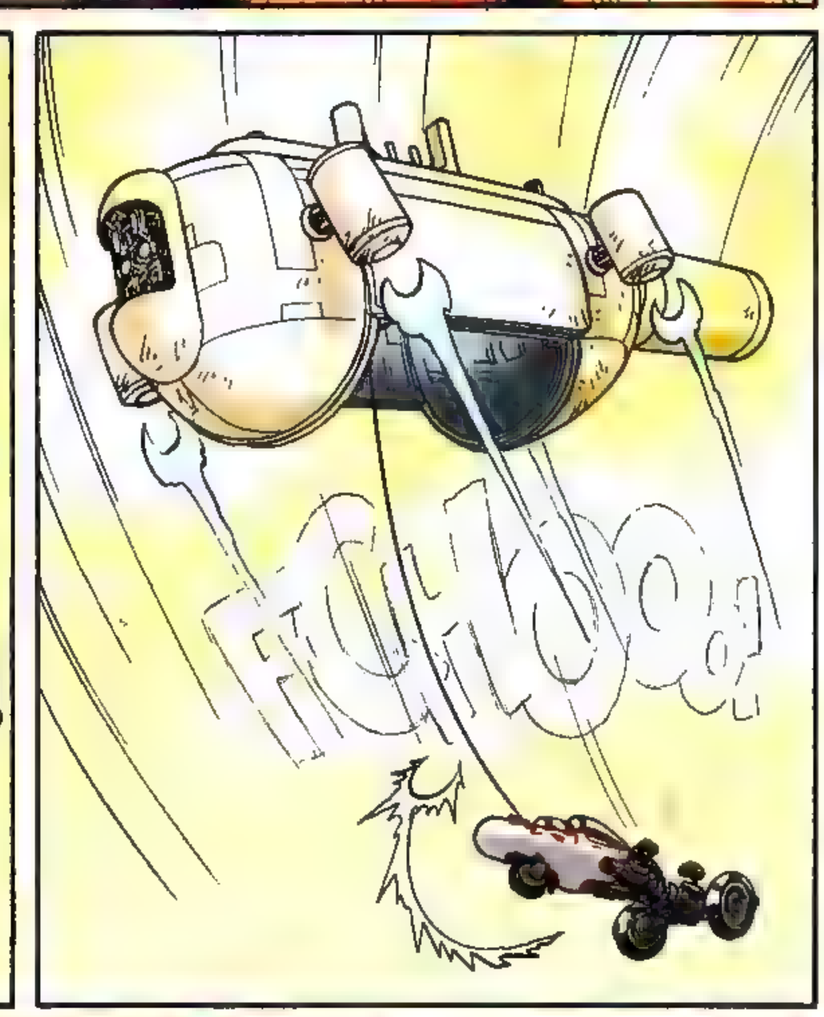
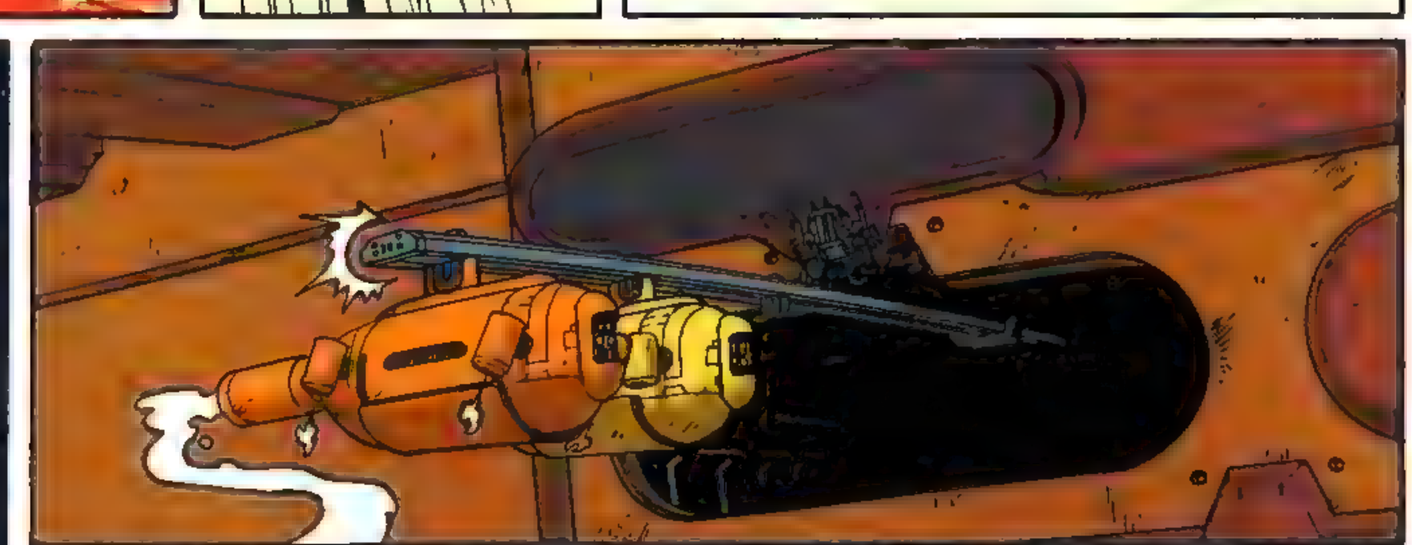
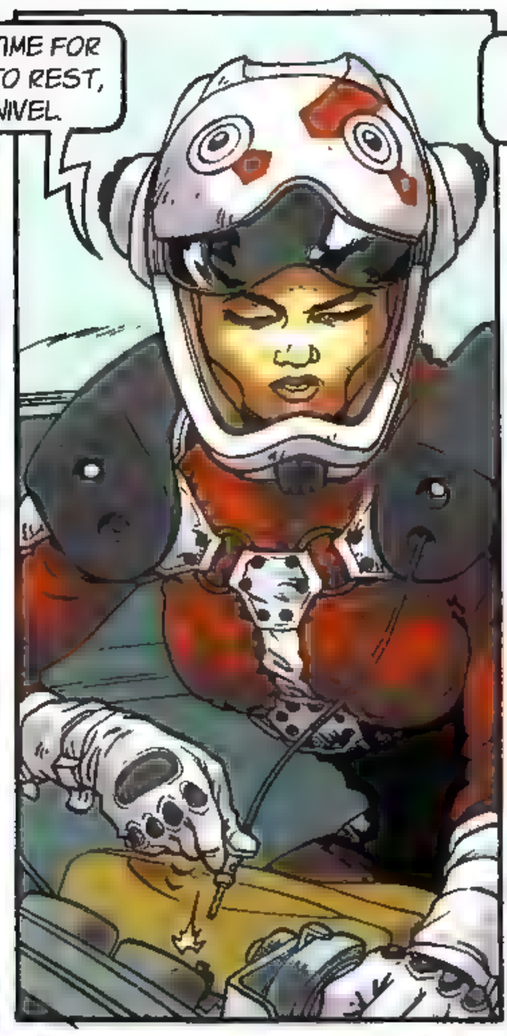
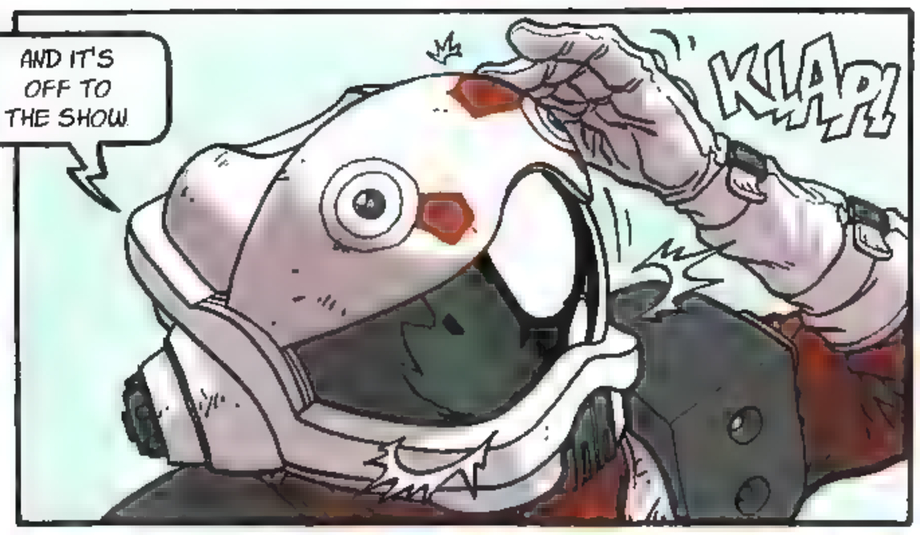
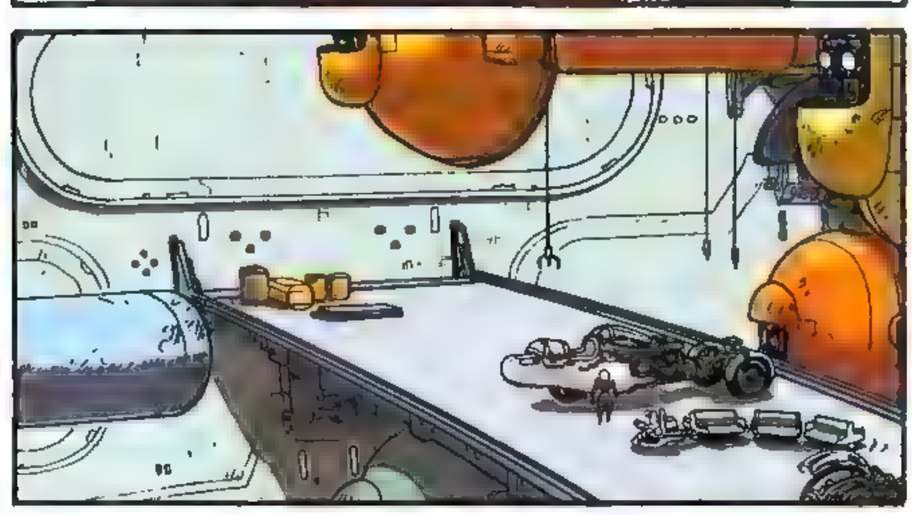

FUZZ!

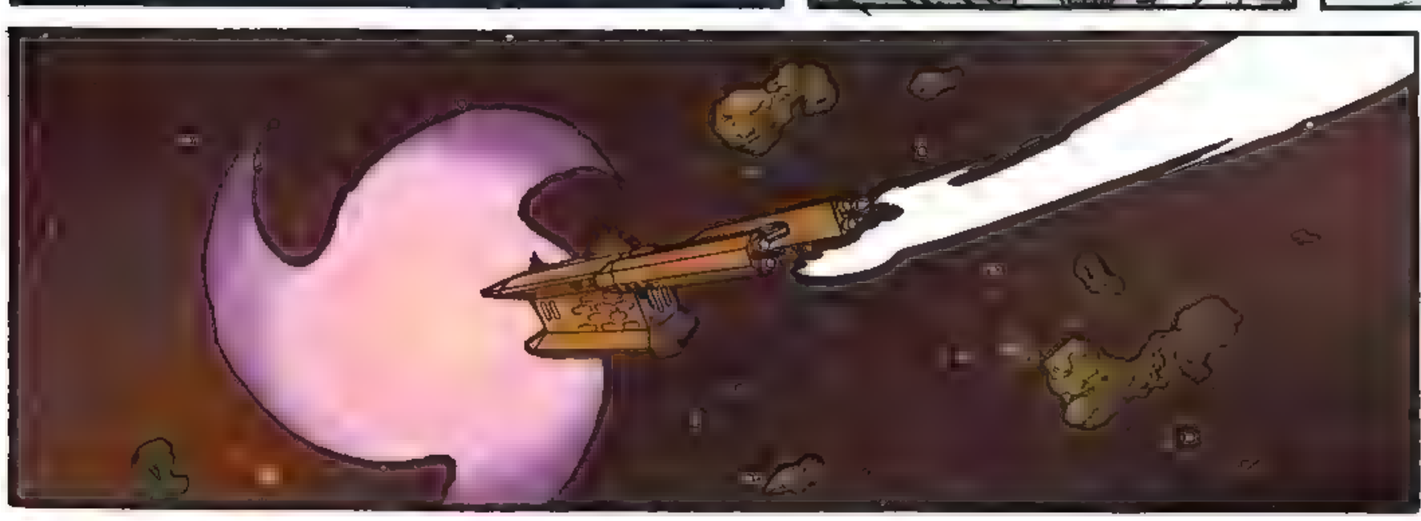
KLAP!

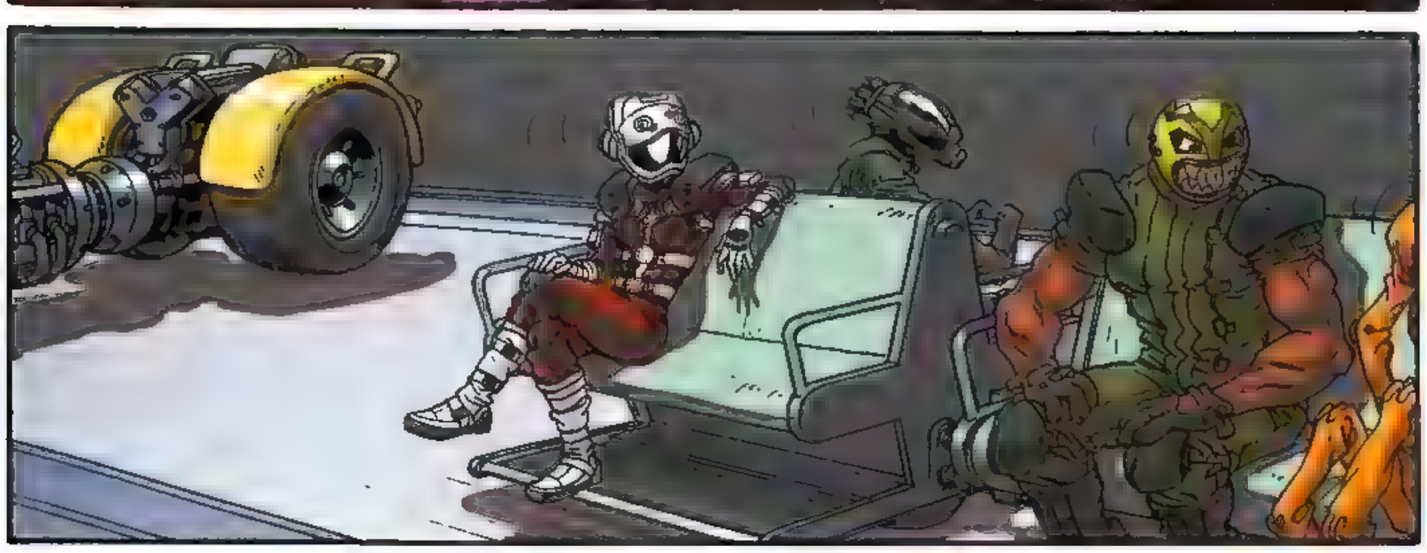



IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO REST, SNIVEL.


AND IT'S OFF TO THE SHOW.
KLAP!







WELCOME TO ALL!! WE'RE GOING TO SEE THE LATEST COMPETITORS WHO RACED ON THE HOT PLANET OF VOLKANIA DESTAIN.

...SO, ONE OF THE PILOTS HAS ALREADY CAUGHT UP WITH THE 14 BEST TIMES!

YOU'LL SOON BE ABLE TO FIND OUT THE TOTAL POINTS FOR EACH PARTICIPANT AND HIS TEAM ON YOUR INTERACTIVE TABLETS.

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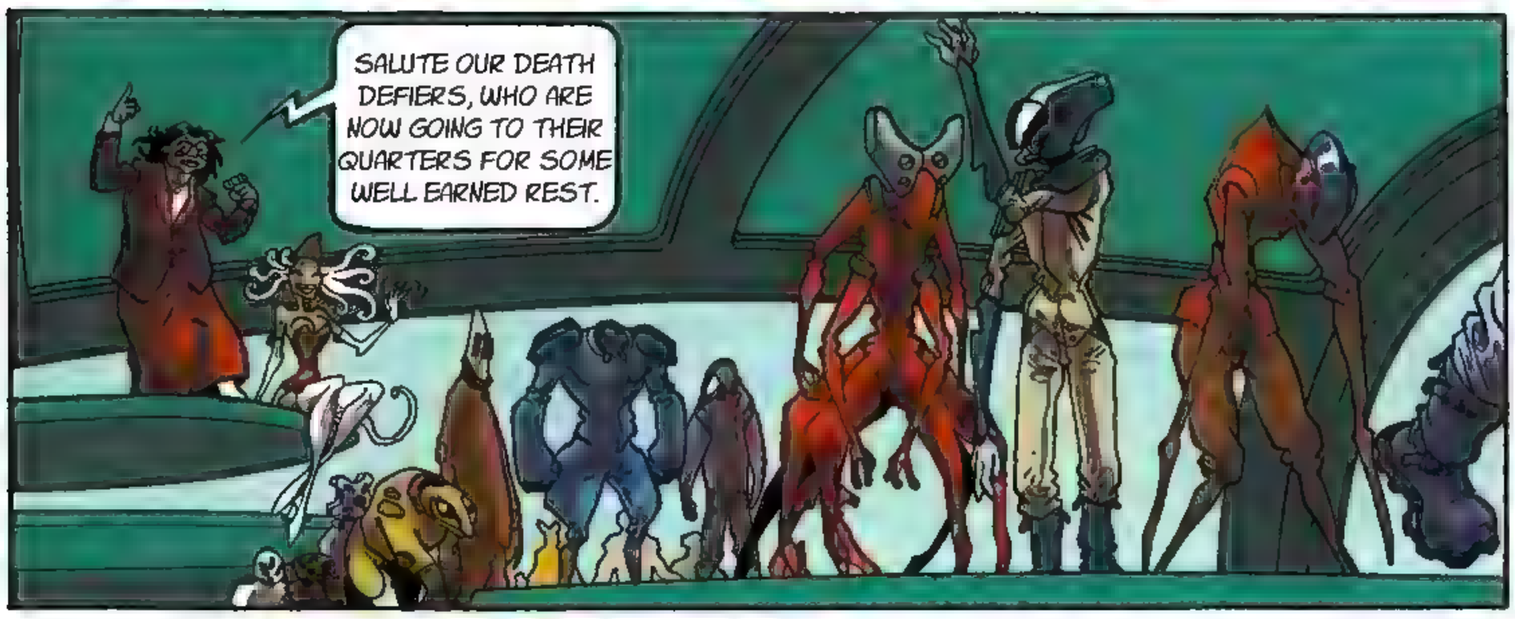
I REMIND YOU THAT ONLY THE FIRST 4 PLACES OF EACH OF THE 16 RACES WHICH WILL BE RUN, WILL QUALIFY_ THE OTHERS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE PLANET OF THEIR CHOICE.

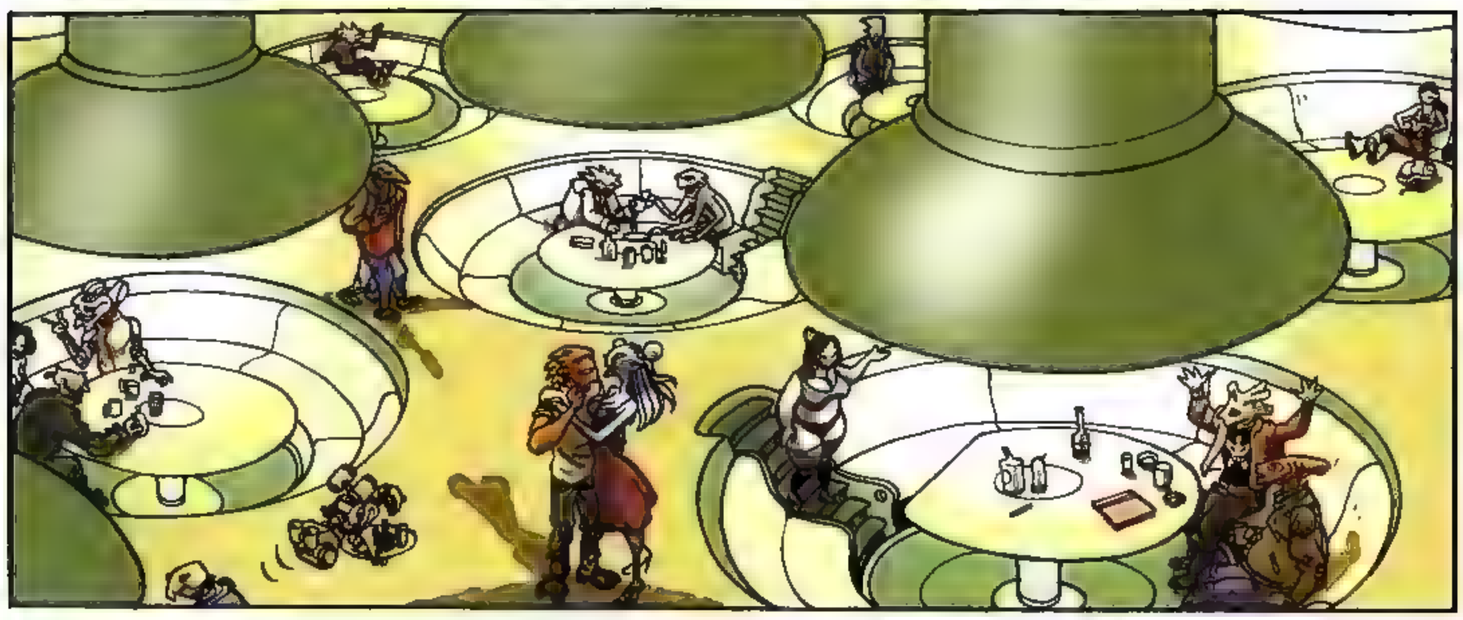
HERE ARE THE BEST CHOICES FOR THE NEXT RACE! SOME WELL KNOWN HEADS, LIKE THE TWO CHAMPIONS EXOMASS AND METEORK!

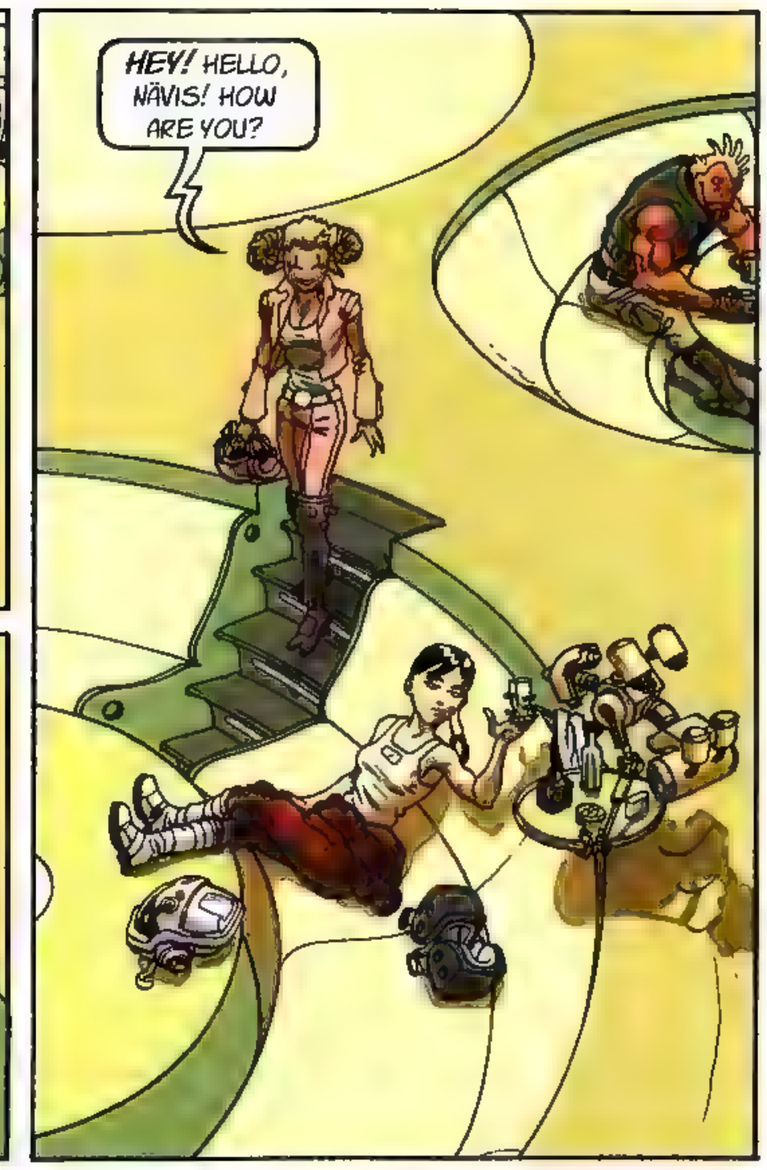
_AND OF ALL THE NEWCOMERS, LIKE THE RED BULLET, THE SPATIOKARP AND BLAA STAAR!
NOW! IT'S UP TO YOU TO BET! PICK THE BEST AND GRAB THE BONANZA!

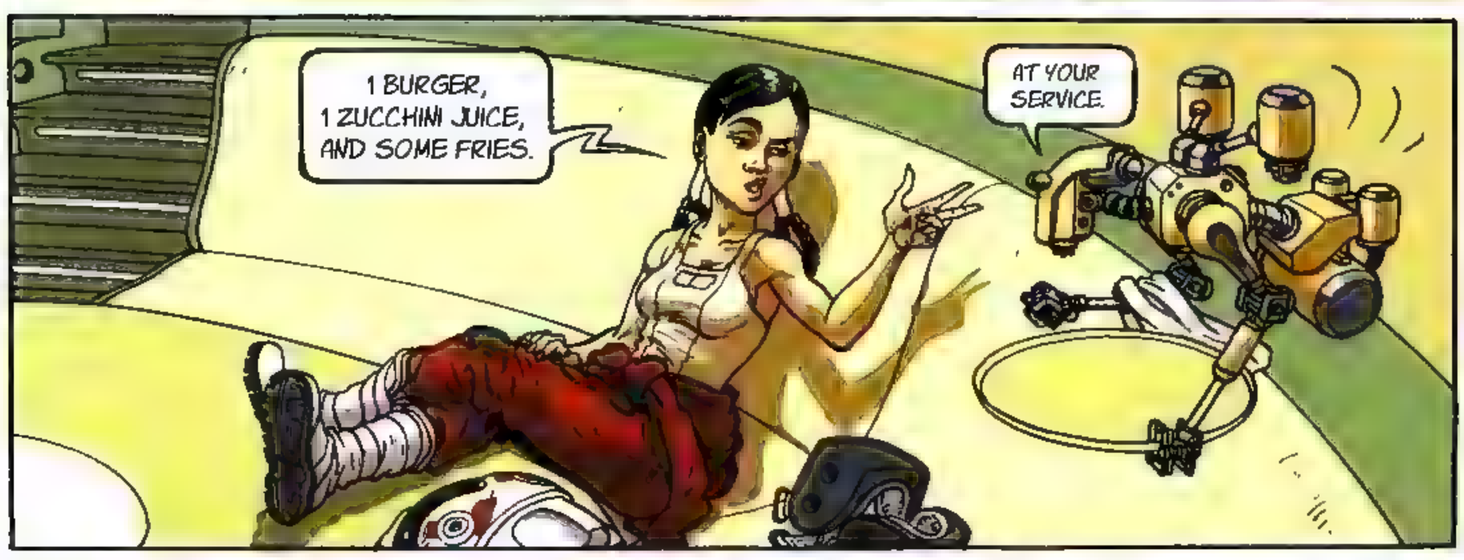
YOU STILL HAVE TWO KRONOCYCLES TO BET ON YOUR FAVORITE BEFORE THE NEXT RACE_ SO, MAY LUCK BE WITH YOU!!


SALUTE OUR DEATH DEFIERS, WHO ARE NOW GOING TO THEIR QUARTERS FOR SOME WELL EARNED REST.

YOU ARE NOW IN A SECURE AREA, YOU MAY REMOVE YOUR HELMETS.




HEY! HELLO, NÄVIS! HOW ARE YOU?


1 BURGER, 1 ZUCCHINI JUICE, AND SOME FRIES.
AT YOUR SERVICE.

DO YOU REMEMBER ME?_ BASSACHY!_ YOU GAVE ME A ROBO-TANK COURSE!
I'M ALSO ENROLLED IN THIS SCREWBALL EVENT! THAT'S COOL, RIGHT?

I SEE THAT YOU QUALIFIED!! THAT'S REALLY GREAT! BUT, I'M NOT JUST COPING ANY-MORE. IF YOU HAVE THE TIME, LOOK AT THE RACE ON ALKARATH!
I FINISHED IN FIRST PLACE!! YOU KNOW IT WOULD REALLY BE A KICK IF WE MET IN THE FINAL RACE!
IF I'VE GIVEN YOU THE IMPRESSION THAT I WANT SOME COMPANY, I'M SORRY_

AND HERE, I LIKE TO PROFIT FROM THE BENEFITS OF OUR ELEGANT ORGANISER.
I DON'T REMEMBER YOU.
HELLO TO ALL OF MY CHAMPIONS!
IT WAS A GREAT MOMENT WHEN I CREATED THIS RACE_
_AND EVEN AFTER ALL THIS TIME, I'M STILL GLUED TO THE SCREEN!
I HAVE THE FEELING THAT WITH EACH RACE YOU BECOME MORE AND MORE CRAZY. I ADMIT THAT REALLY EXCITES ME!! AND I'M NOT ALONE, THE BETS ARE MIND-BLOWING AND THE RATINGS ARE AT THE MAX!

YOUR FANS WISH YOU WELL, AND FEVERISHLY AWAIT SEEING WHO WILL BE THE WINNNER, THE GRAND CHAMPION!

BUT, I KNOW THAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO YOUR BEST, AND OFFER THEM AN UNFORGETTABLE SPECTACLE. SO ENJOY THIS REST PERIOD.

AND MAY THE BEST ONE WIN!

CLIC!

AND HAVE SOME REALLY BEAUTIFUL CRASHES FROM TIME TO TIME! PUFF! PUFF!

THE CRETINS GIVE UP THEIR PAY TO SEE BLOOD IN THE BURNING SCRAP-METAL!

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YOU?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?! ARE YOU GUYS CRAZY? WHY DID YOU LET HIM IN?!

ONE, I HAVE NO TASTE FOR AN IMPERATIVE "YOU". TWO, KNOW THAT YOUR MEN ARE REALLY COMPLACENT.

SOMETIMES THE BRAIN IS A MACHINE THAT'S SO EASILY_ ACCESSED! HMM_ BUT I FEEL A SLIGHT DOUBT_

A LITTLE DEMONSTRATION.

SNIP

KPOW!

FLOW!

SPOW!

...

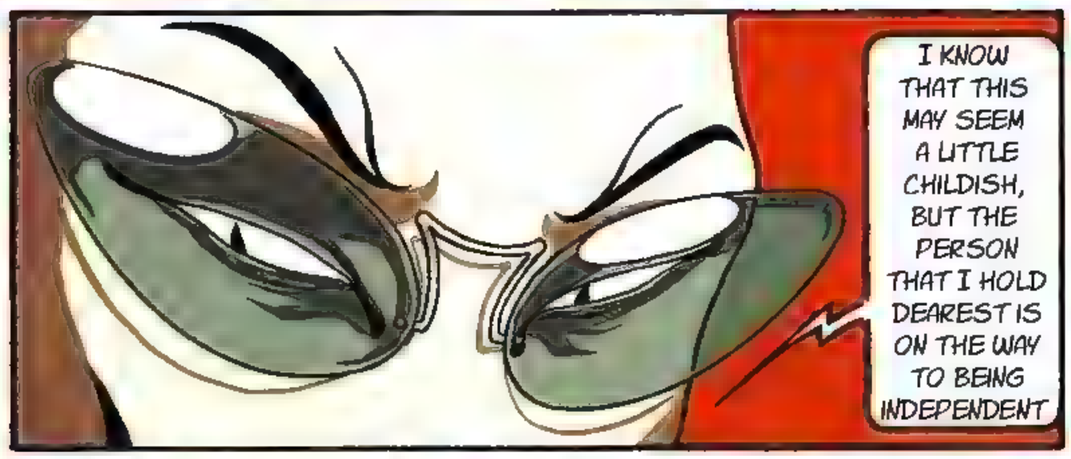
TO DISPEL THE IDEA OF GRABBING FOR YOUR WEAPON IN THE THIRD DRAWER ON THE RIGHT_ AN ACCIDENT CAN HAPPEN SO QUICKLY.

YOU... YOU... ARE INSANE!

HMMM... INSANITY... IF, LIKE ME, YOU CAN JOURNEY IN MINDS, IT'S A CONCEPT THAT IS HARD TO DEFINE.
BUT BACK TO OUR BUSINESS. A FRIEND, WHOM I LIKE VERY MUCH, ASKED ME TO DO SOMETHING, AND I CAN'T REFUSE HIM.

HE TOLD ME TO TELL YOU ON WHICH PLANET YOUR FINAL RACE ABSOLUTELY MUST BE HELD.

OF COURSE YOU DOUBT THAT I COULD "SUGGEST" THAT YOU DO SOMETHING WITHOUT YOU FEELING MY PASSAGE IN YOUR PITIFUL LITTLE BRAIN.


I KNOW THAT THIS MAY SEEM A LITTLE CHILDISH, BUT THE PERSON THAT I HOLD DEAREST IS ON THE WAY TO BEING INDEPENDENT

AND I ADMIT, YOU REALLY MUST LISTEN TO ME. I'D BE DISTRESSED TO SEE YOU KNOWINGLY DESTROY YOUR LITTLE BUSINESS.

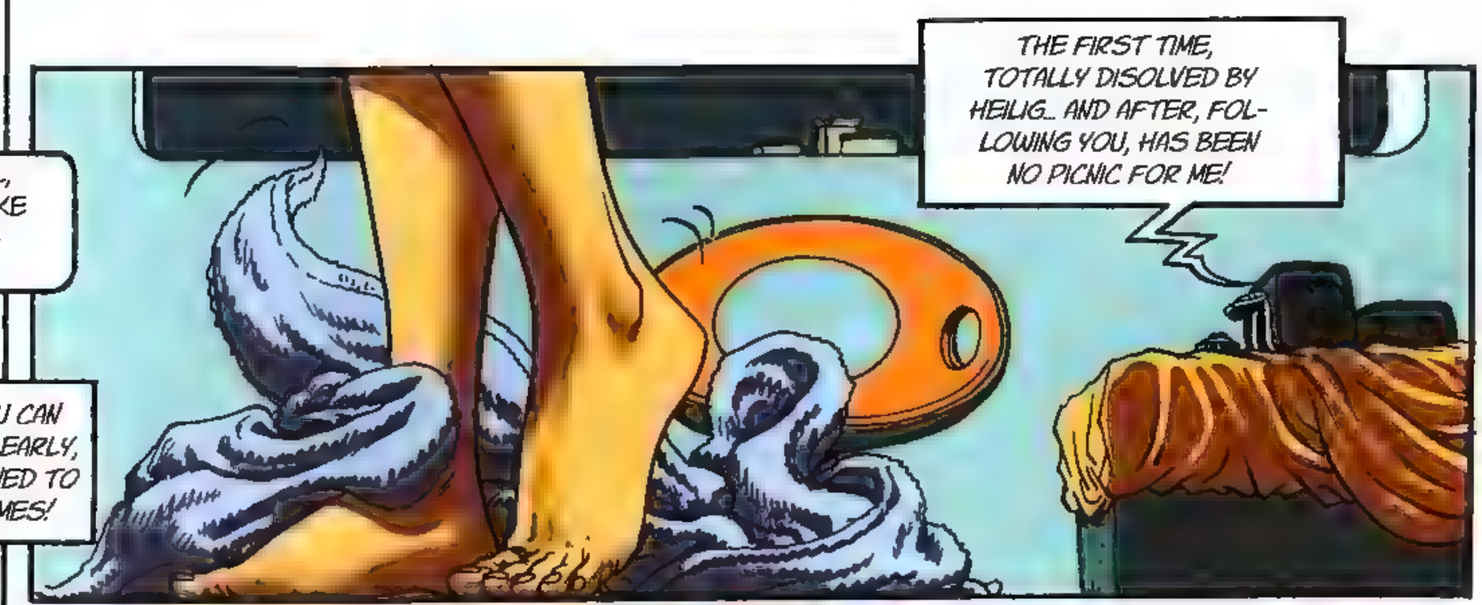
OH! OH! I FEEL YOU SEARCHING FOR AN ESCAPE CLAUSE! THE LAST TIME I REQUIRED A SERVICE, THE INDIVIDUAL WANTED TO CUT HIMSELF!

WHEN I TOOK BACK THE COMMANDS IN HIS BRAIN, IT WAS JUST TO SHOW HIM HE WAS ABOUT TO SPILL HIS OWN GUTS. I'LL GIVE YOU A TASTE OF HIS AGONY.

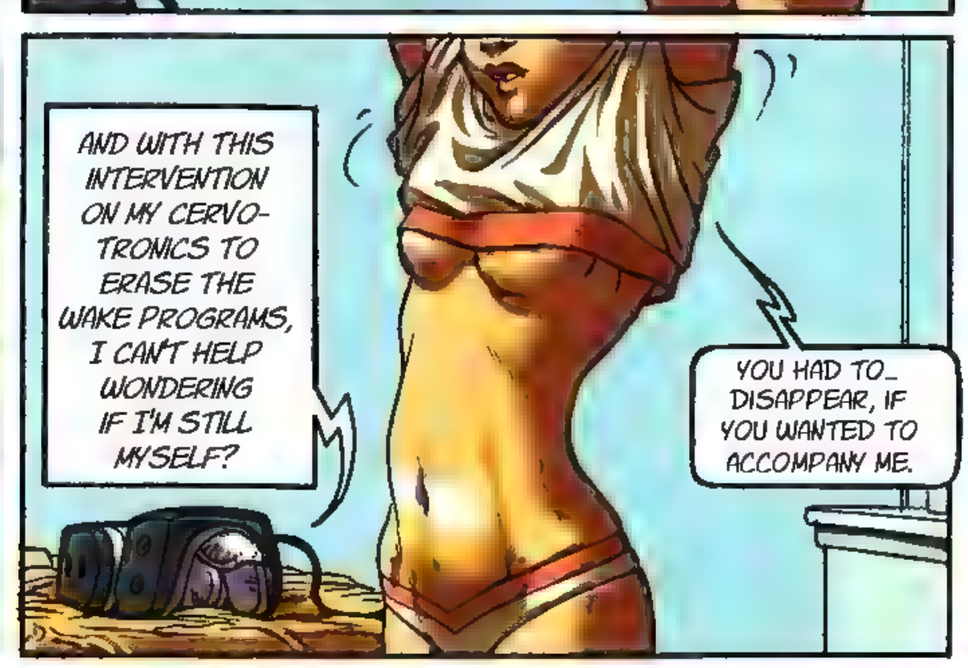
SO, DO WE HAVE A DEAL?
YES...

PERFECT, NOW LISTEN TO ME CAREFULLY...

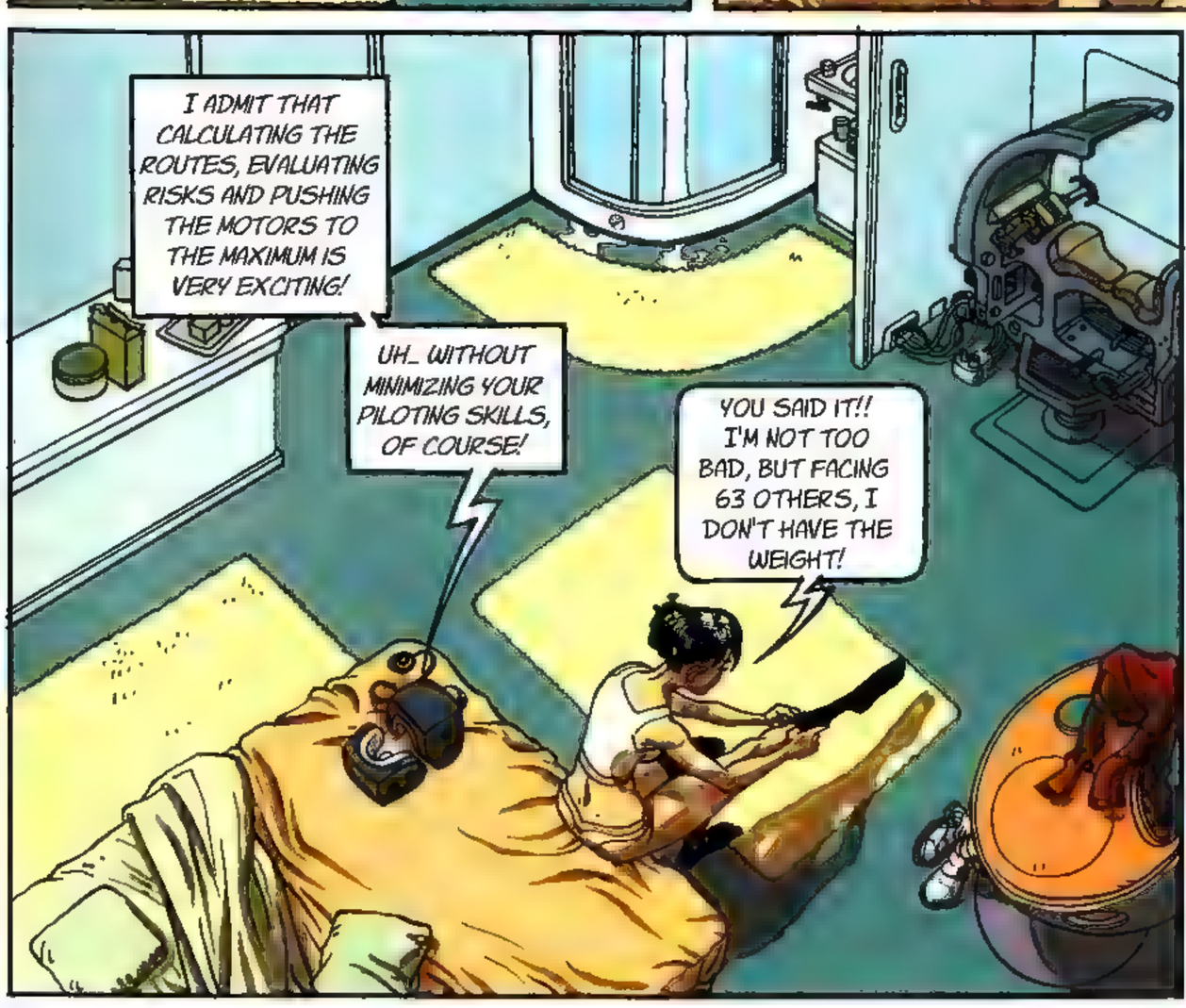
SO, SNIVEL, WHAT'S IT LIKE WITHOUT A BODY?
BAH! IF YOU CAN REMEMBER CLEARLY, THIS HAPPENED TO ME MANY TIMES!

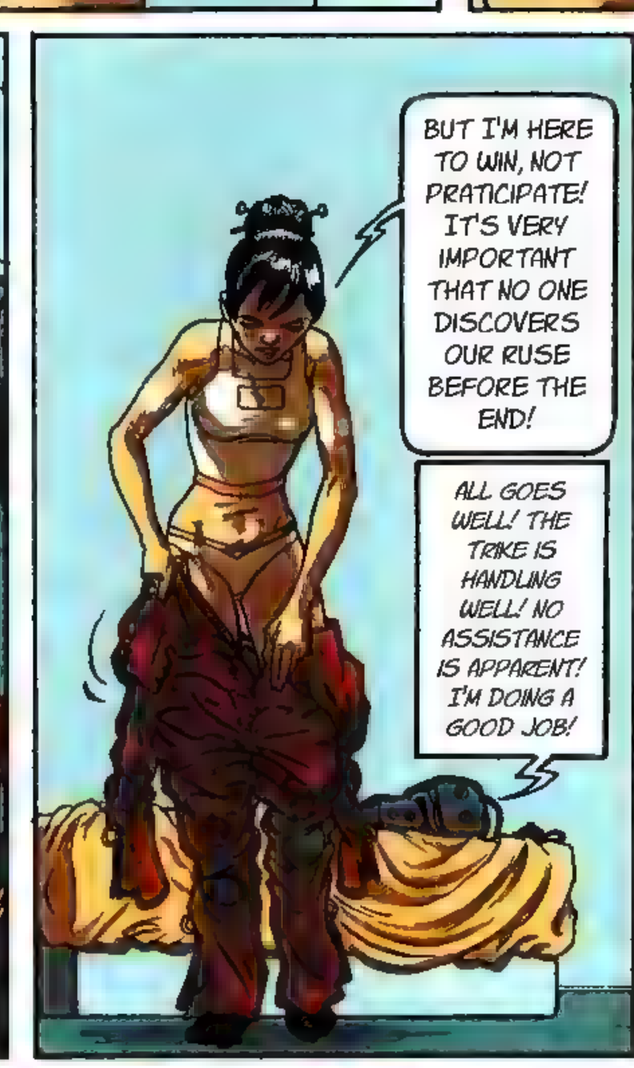

THE FIRST TIME, TOTALLY DISOLVED BY HEILIG... AND AFTER, FOLLOWING YOU, HAS BEEN NO PICNIC FOR ME!

BUT THE STRANGEST HAS BEEN ASSISTING IN MY DEATH. EVEN IF IT WAS ONLY A VAGUE COPY OF MY A.I. THAT COMMANDS MY BODY... IT WAS IMPRESSIVE!

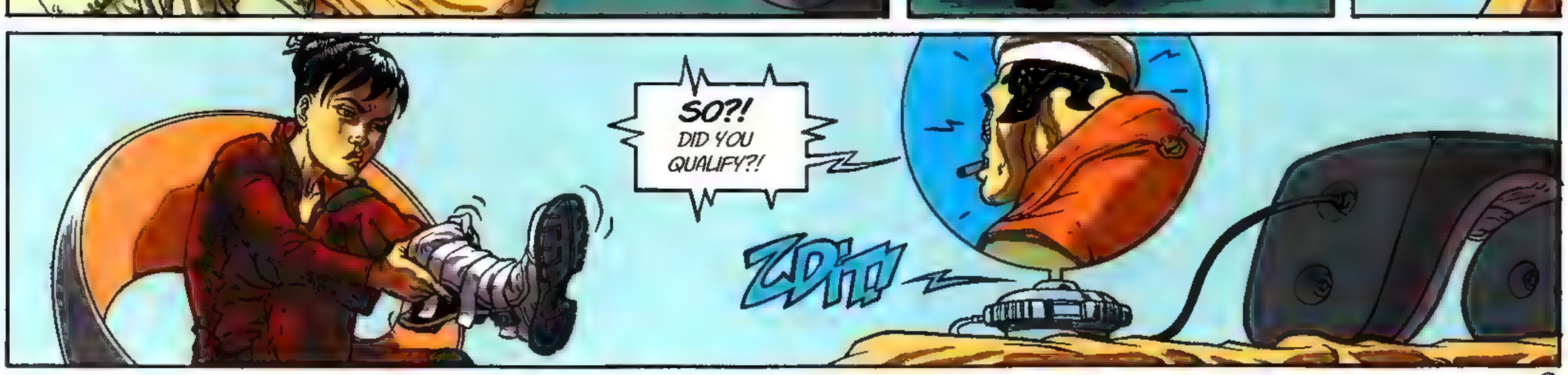

AND WITH THIS INTERVENTION ON MY CERVO-TRONICS TO ERASE THE WAKE PROGRAMS, I CAN'T HELP WONDERING IF I'M STILL MYSELF?
YOU HAD TO... DISAPPEAR, IF YOU WANTED TO ACCOMPANY ME.

...AND BECOME SOMEONE ELSE!
THAT'S RIGHT! AND TO RETURN TO YOUR FIRST QUESTION, WHEN YOU CONNECT ME TO THE TRIKE, I HAVE A BODY... A VERY FAST ONE!

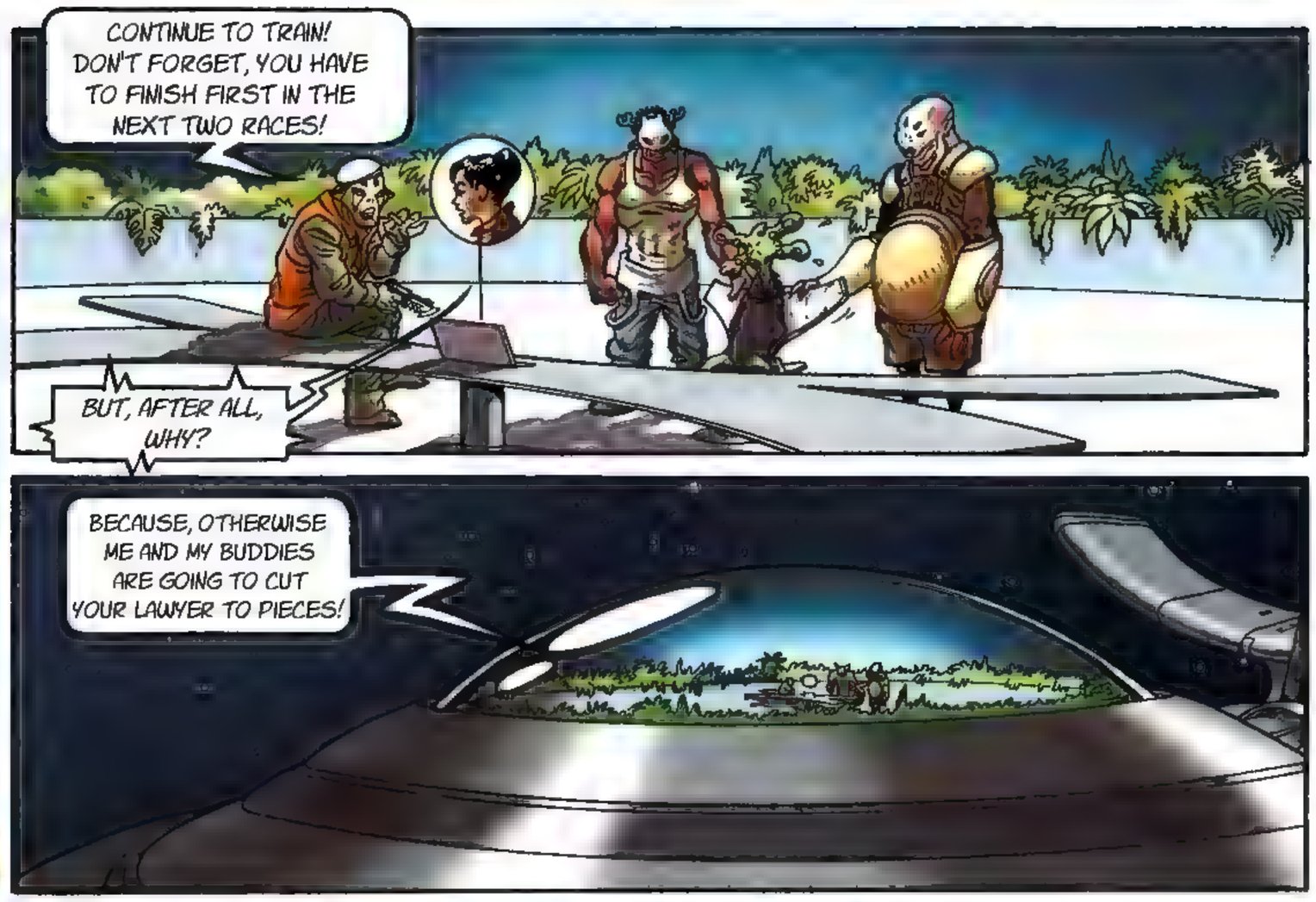

I ADMIT THAT CALCULATING THE ROUTES, EVALUATING RISKS AND PUSHING THE MOTORS TO THE MAXIMUM IS VERY EXCITING!
UH... WITHOUT MINIMIZING YOUR PILOTING SKILLS, OF COURSE!
YOU SAID IT!! I'M NOT TOO BAD, BUT FACING 63 OTHERS, I DON'T HAVE THE WEIGHT!


BUT I'M HERE TO WIN, NOT PRATICIPATE! IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT NO ONE DISCOVERS OUR RUSE BEFORE THE END!
ALL GOES WELL! THE TRIKE IS HANDLING WELL! NO ASSISTANCE IS APPARENT! I'M DOING A GOOD JOB!

WELL, IT'S TIME! TURN ON THE HOLO-CODE!


SO?! DID YOU QUALIFY?!
ZDIT!!

YOU RECRUITED ME BECAUSE I'M THE BEST PILOT, RIGHT? WELL, I'M EVEN BETTER NOW!

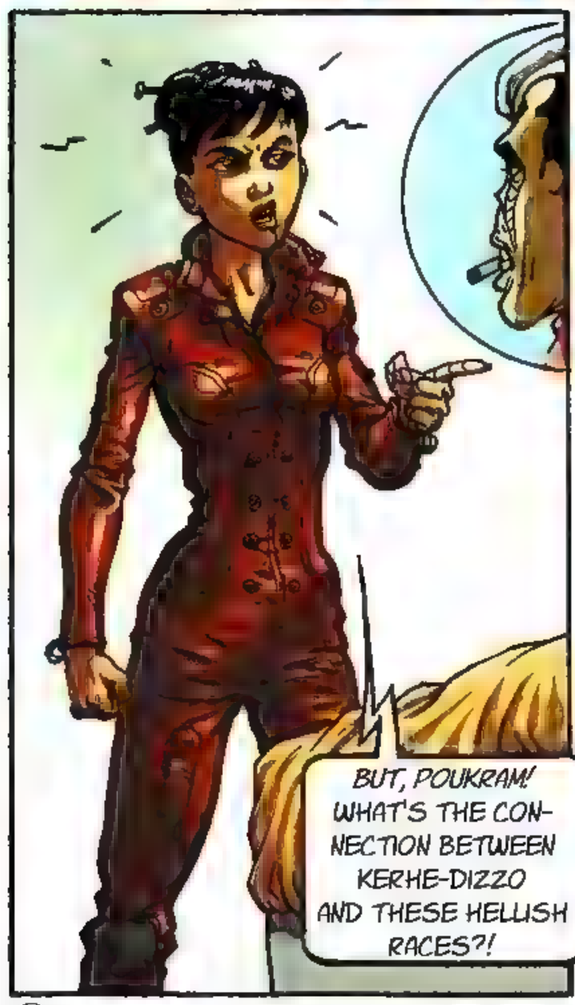

CONTINUE TO TRAIN! DON'T FORGET, YOU HAVE TO FINISH FIRST IN THE NEXT TWO RACES!
BUT, AFTER ALL, WHY?
BECAUSE, OTHERWISE ME AND MY BUDDIES ARE GOING TO CUT YOUR LAWYER TO PIECES!

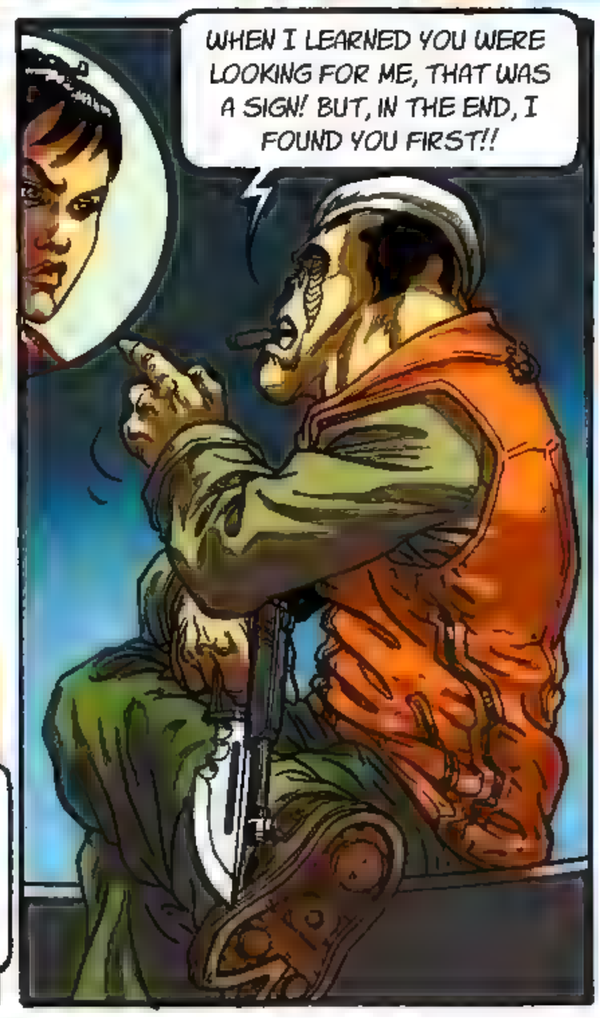
AND SEEING THAT EVERYBODY HATES HIM... NO ONE WILL GIVE A DAMN!

I BEG YOU, NÄVIS!... DO AS HE DEMANDS!

I'VE READ EACH OF THE FILES ON EACH OF THESE KILL... OF... OF... THESE PEOPLE! THEY'LL STOP AT NOTHING!

YOU HEARD THIS PITIFUL PLEA? MISTER LAWYER NEEDS YOU... AND SO DO I! THINGS WORK OUT WELL!


BUT, POUKRAM! WHAT'S THE CON-NECTION BETWEEN KERHE-DIZZO AND THESE HELLISH RACES?!


WHEN I LEARNED YOU WERE LOOKING FOR ME, THAT WAS A SIGN! BUT, IN THE END, I FOUND YOU FIRST!!

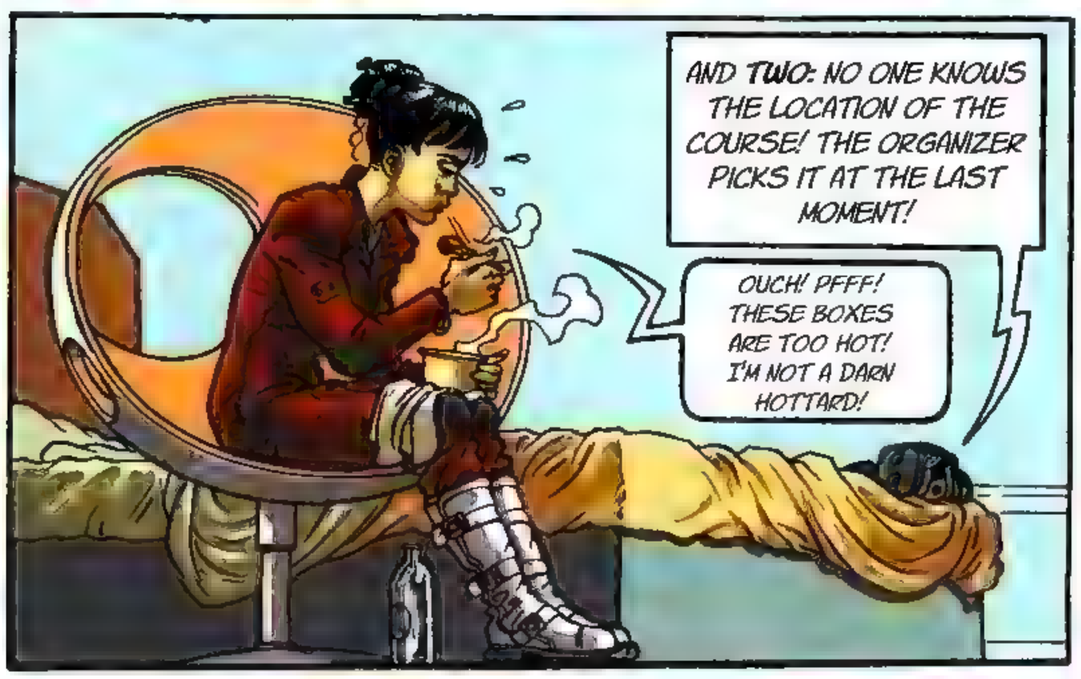
SO, YOU'VE NO CHOICE, YOU OBEY ME! YOU WIN ONE POINT THAT'S ALL! ...AND YOUR QUESTIONS, YOU KNOW WHERE TO PUT THEM!
ZDIT!
...

HUMPF! WE STILL DON'T KNOW ANYTHING!

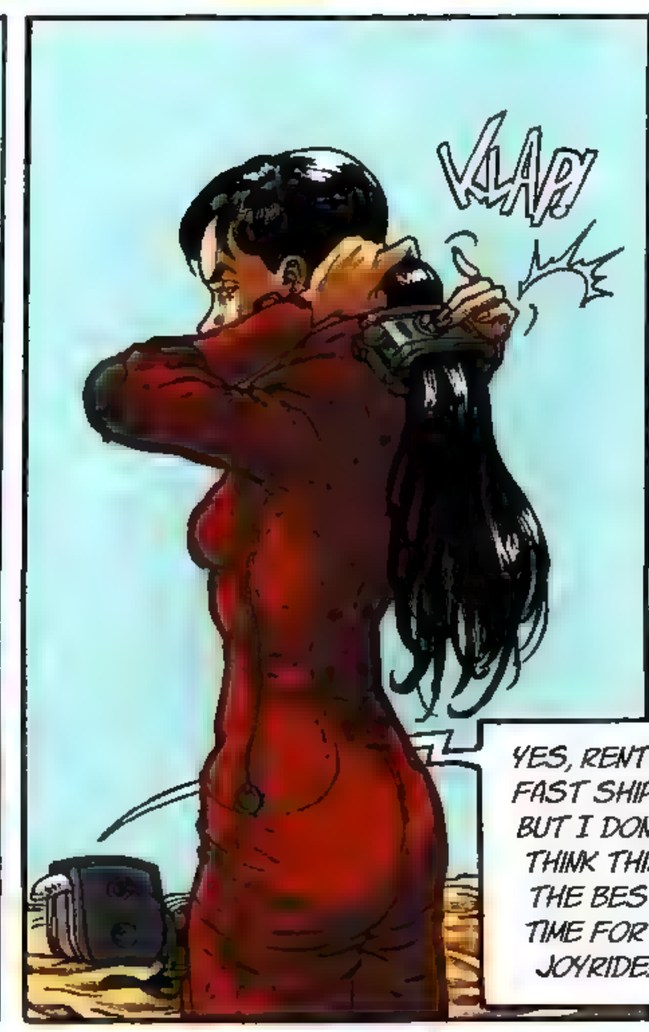
HMMM. MAYBE THEY'RE TRYING TO HEDGE THEIR BETS?

NO! I'M SURE IT'S SOMETHING ELSE!

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO PUT THINGS IN PLACE. ONE: THE SHIP WE'RE IN CONTINUALLY PASSES THROUGH TELE-PORTALS. IT'S UNTRACEABLE!


AND TWO: NO ONE KNOWS THE LOCATION OF THE COURSE! THE ORGANIZER PICKS IT AT THE LAST MOMENT!
OUCH! PFFF! THESE BOXES ARE TOO HOT! I'M NOT A DARN HOTTARD!

MEANWHILE, DID YOU READ ALL OF MY MESSAGE?

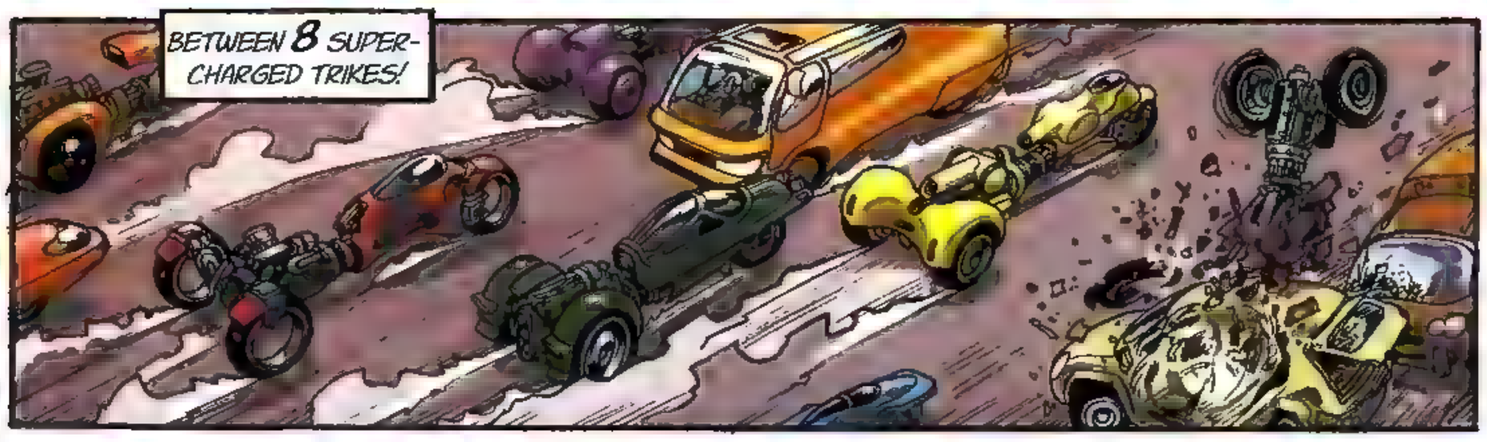

KLAP!
YES, RENT A FAST SHIP... BUT I DON'T THINK THIS THE BEST TIME FOR A JOYRIDE!

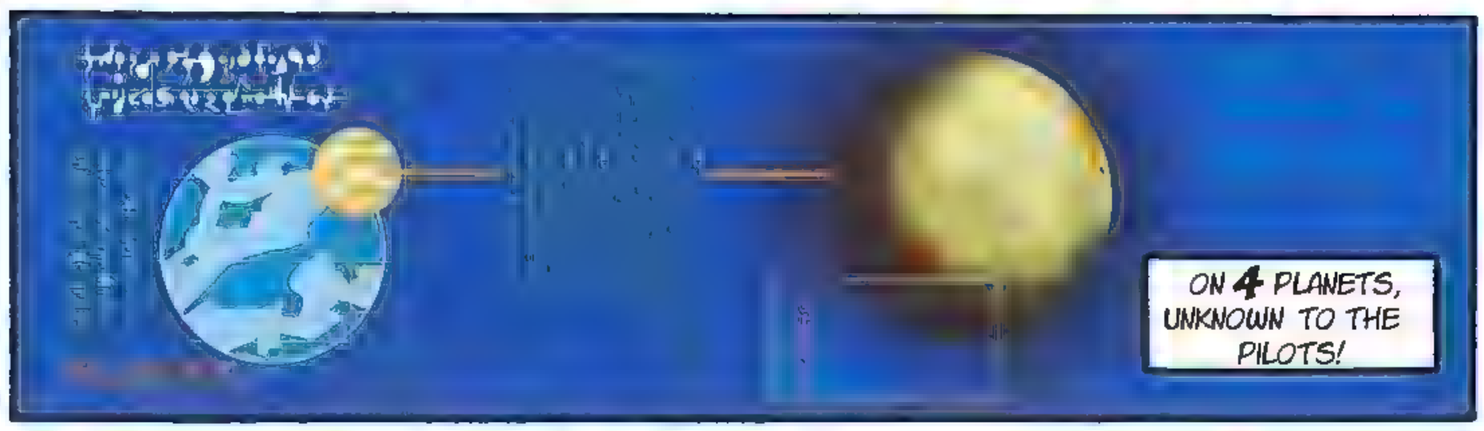
YUMM!... WHEN YOU UNRAVEL THIS PLOY, I'LL BE CONVINCED!

THAT IS MY BUSINESS! YOU LOOK AFTER WHAT'S NEW, AND I'LL MANAGE THE REST!
WRRRR...

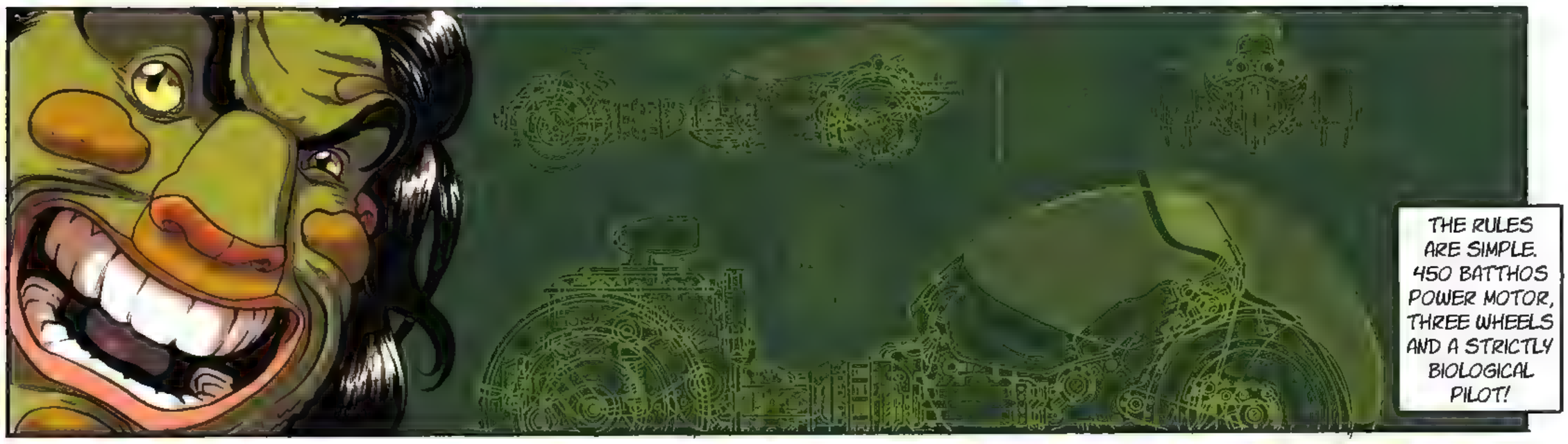
INSTEAD, PROGRAM THE SIMULATOR FOR LEVEL 4...
AND GIVE ME HEAVY TRAFFIC, I HAVE TO PRACTICE DODGING...
I THINK SO TOO...

SFFF
4 COURSES...


BETWEEN 8 SUPER-CHARGED TRIKES!

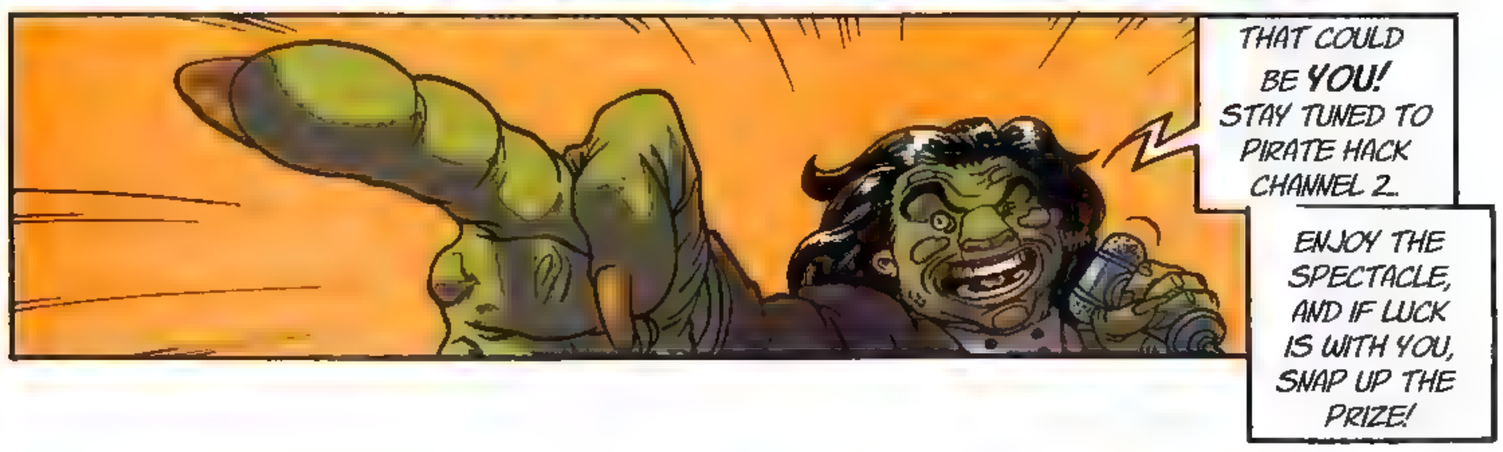

ON 4 PLANETS, UNKNOWN TO THE PILOTS!

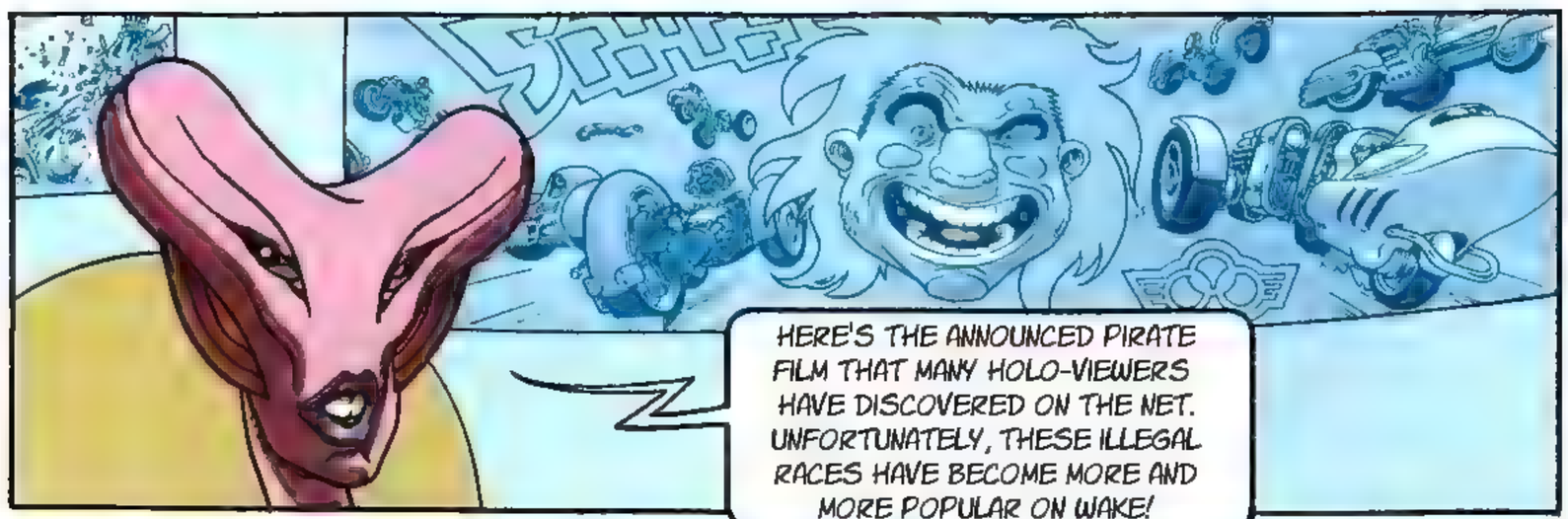
WE'RE AT THE QUARTER FINALS, AND ALL BATTLE FOR THE MEGA-CUP AND_ TWO MILLION HOLO-CREDITS!

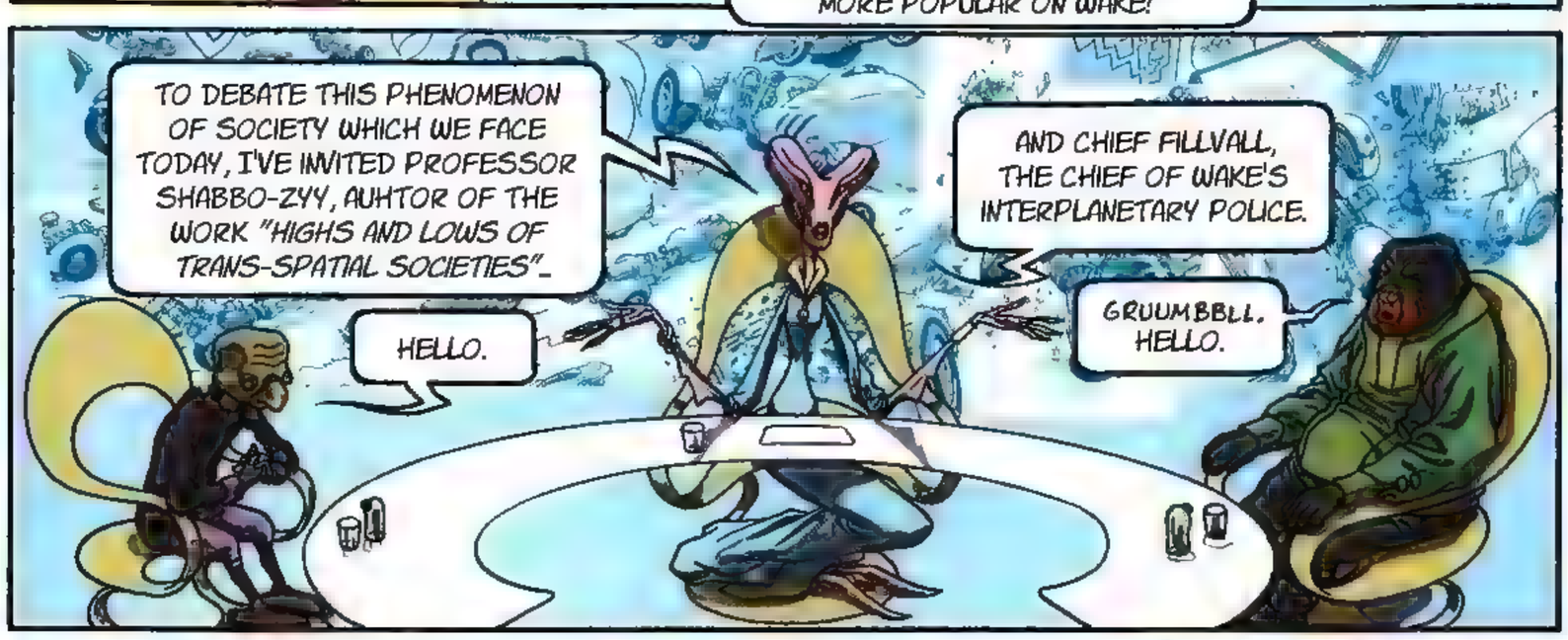

THE RULES ARE SIMPLE. 450 BATTHOS POWER MOTOR, THREE WHEELS AND A STRICTLY BIOLOGICAL PILOT!

THE GOAL: TRAVEL THE MAXIMUM DIS-TANCE IN THE TIME ALLOTTED! GAIN EXTRA BONUS POINTS FOR SPECTACULAR ACTIONS!

AND OF COURSE, THE JACK POT! THE BET TOR WITH THE 4 FINALISTS IN THE COR-RECT ORDER WINS MORE THAN TWO MILLION HOLO-CREDITS!


THAT COULD BE YOU! STAY TUNED TO PIRATE HACK CHANNEL 2.
ENJOY THE SPECTACLE, AND IF LUCK IS WITH YOU, SNAP UP THE PRIZE!

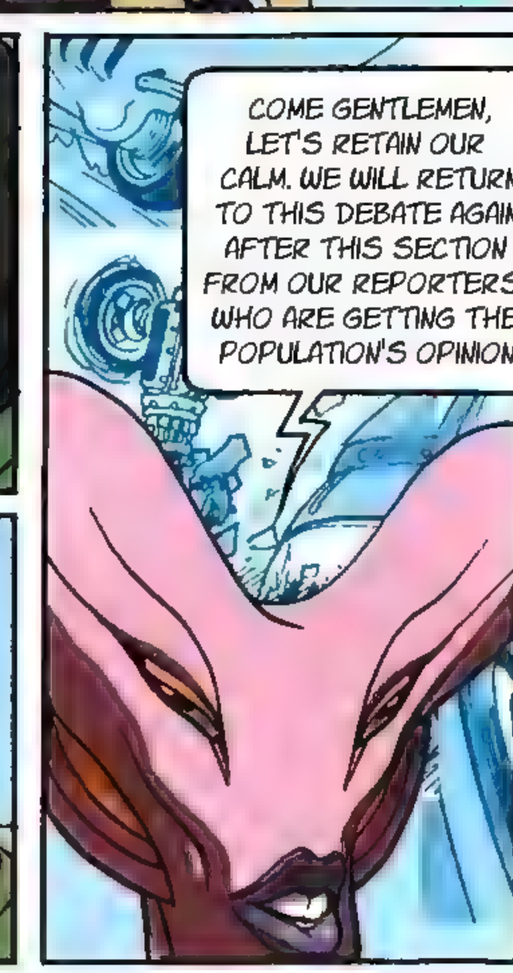

HERE'S THE ANNOUNCED PIRATE FILM THAT MANY HOLO-VIEWERS HAVE DISCOVERED ON THE NET. UNFORTUNATELY, THESE ILLEGAL RACES HAVE BECOME MORE AND MORE POPULAR ON WAKE!


TO DEBATE THIS PHENOMENON OF SOCIETY WHICH WE FACE TODAY, I'VE INVITED PROFESSOR SHABBO-ZYY, AUHTOR OF THE WORK "HIGHS AND LOWS OF TRANS-SPATIAL SOCIETIES"_
HELLO.
AND CHIEF FILLVALL, THE CHIEF OF WAKE'S INTERPLANETARY POLICE.
GRUUMBBLL. HELLO.

SO, PROFESSOR, HOW CAN WE EXPLAIN THIS MORBID FASCINATION WITH THESE BLOOD GAMES?
AH WELL, EVERY SOCIETY TENDS TO ALIGN ITSELF WITH BARBARIC ORIGINS_

BUT ALONG THE WAY, IT STILL CONSERVES A SORT OF_ HOW TO PUT IT_ A NOSTALGIA, FOR EXCITING PAST BATTLES, FOR A LONG TIME. THE PROLIFERATION OF MORE AND MORE VIOLENT VIRTUAL GAMES IS JUST AN EXAMPLE OF THIS_

I REMIND YOU THAT THIS IS REAL! THERE ARE DEATHS AND INJURIES!!
I WAS GETTING TO THAT_ IF YOU'D LET ME FINISH, CHIEF FILLVALL.
PFFF! ALL THAT IS JUST TALK! WE'RE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO ERADICATE THIS!_ NOT TO LET IT CONTINUE!!


COME GENTLEMEN, LET'S RETAIN OUR CALM. WE WILL RETURN TO THIS DEBATE AGAIN, AFTER THIS SECTION FROM OUR REPORTERS, WHO ARE GETTING THE POPULATION'S OPINION.

YEAH! I THINK THAT IT TAKES A LOT OF GUTS TO RACE LIKE THAT! IT'S A REAL BLAST! I'D LIKE TO PILOT A TRIKE!
YEAHH! I HOPE THAT THEY COME AND EXPLODE HERE! I WANT TO SEE ALL THAT!

WE HAVE A TOP LEVEL WAKE ARMY HERE_ A "HYPER PERFORMANCE" POLICE FORCE, LIKE THEY SAY, AND THEY'RE UNABLE TO STOP ALL OF THESE PUBLIC DANGERS?!
AND US?! WE GO ONE OR TWO KPC OVER THE SPEED LIMIT AND WE'RE IN DEEP TROUBLE! THERE ARE EVEN THOSE WHO PILOT DRUNK! THIS IS A STINKING SCHEME!
YEAH!
WE LOST OUR TWO BABIES IN AN ACCIDENT CAUSED B_ BY THESE PEOPLE!!_ WHY DID THAT HAPPPEN?! A_ AND WHY ISN'T ANYONE DOING ANYTHING?!

DAMN IT! HERE ON VOLKNIADESTIN, WE HAD A MAJOR SEISMIC EVENT. WE'RE OVERWHELMED! WE DON'T NEED ANY MORE OF THIS! WE'RE FORTUNATE THAT THERE WEREN'T MORE DEATHS! IT'S TIME FOR WAKE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS!

YOU WANT A SPECTACLE?!! WE'VE HAD TWO OF THESE DAMNED RACES! HERE ON KOKKOKHINO WE DON'T NEED ANY HELP! LET THEM JUST TRY TO COME BACK HERE

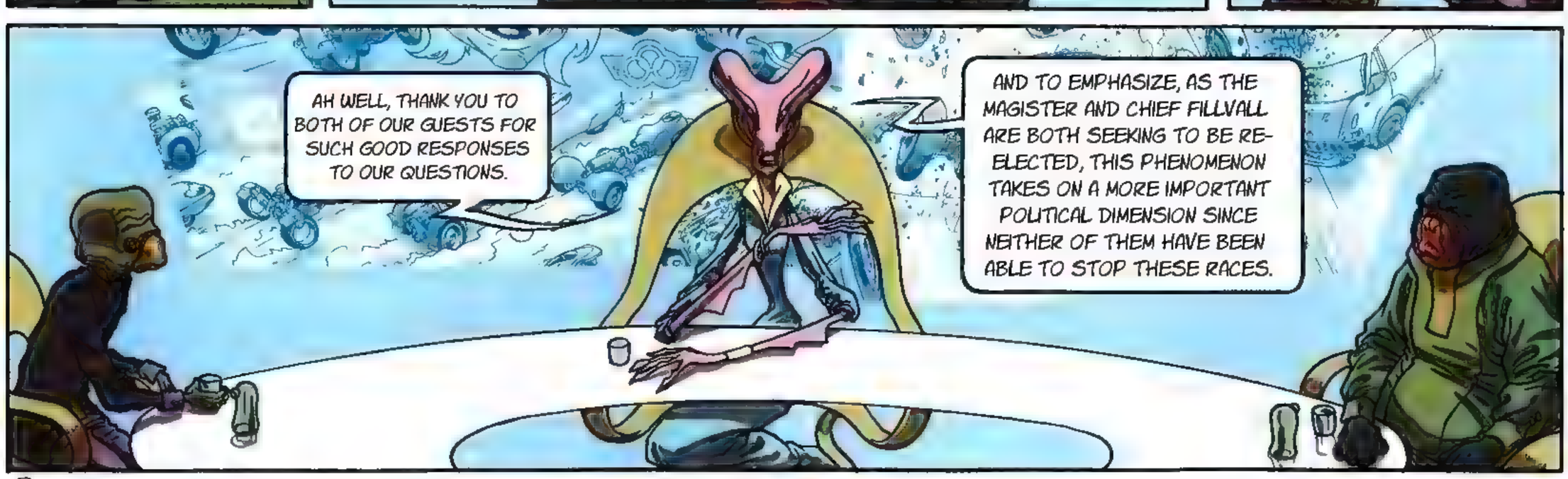
SSCANZZOH IS A CALM COLONY, WITH A VOLUNTEER POLICE FORCE. BY THE TIME WE GATHERED OUR MEN, THE DAMNED RACE WAS ALREADY TERMINATED!

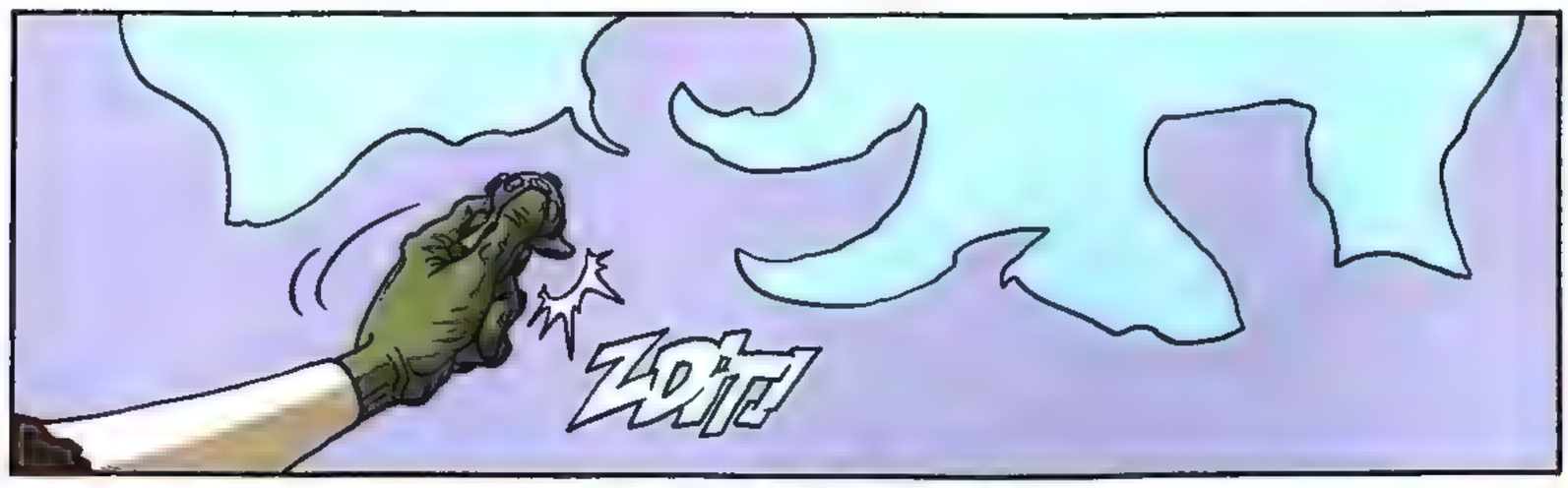
THERE! ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF GROTESQUE REPORTING WITH ONLY ONE GOAL: TO DISCREDIT THE POWERS THAT ARE IN PLACE!

WHAT DO YOU THINK WE'RE DOING? WE'RE DOING EVERY-THING IN OUR POWER TO STOP THIS!
UNTIL NOW, WITHOUT MUCH SUCCESS... AND I CAN ASSURE YOU, IN THE NAME OF OUR STAFF, OF OUR TOTAL OBJECTIVITY.

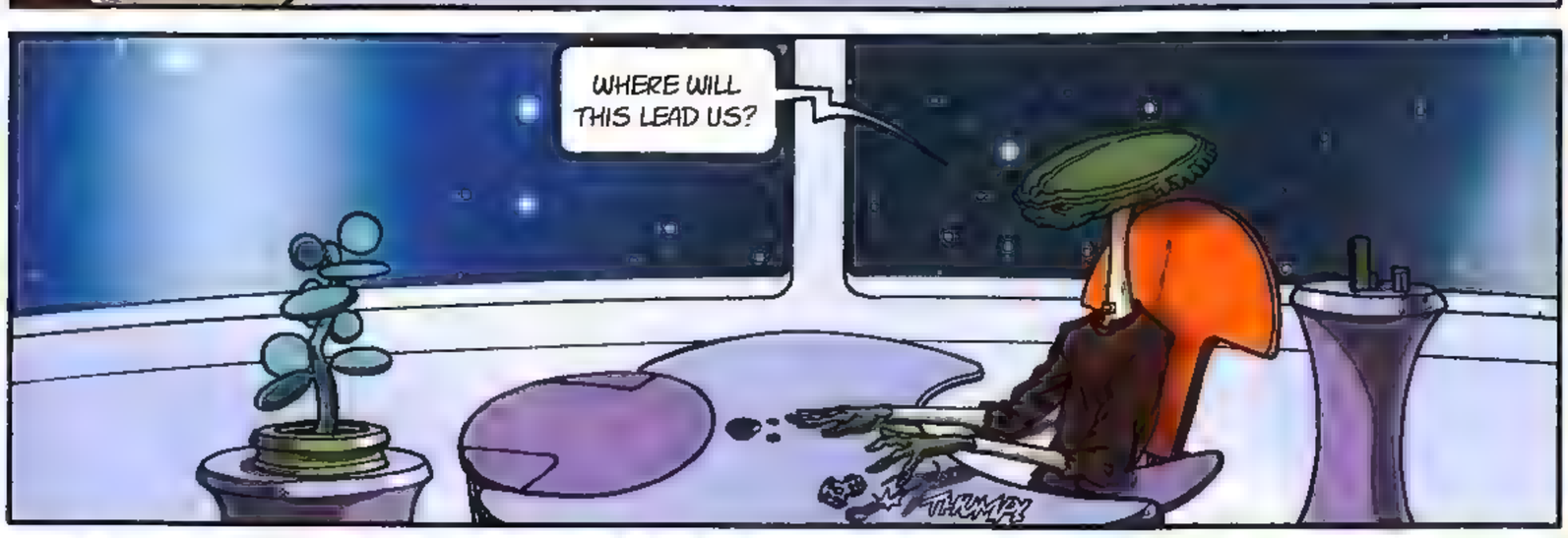
WITH THE MAGISTER'S AND MY OWN RE-ELECTION DRAWING CLOSER?!? DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT I'LL BELIEVE YOU?
THAT'S YOUR OPINION! HMM... PROFESSOR, I'LL GIVE YOU THE LAST WORD.

I'D JUST LIKE TO END BY ATTRACTING YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT FICTIONAL AND VIRTUAL VIOLENCE END UP BORING THE PUBLIC. SO, ONLY A RETURN TO AN AUTHENTIC DANGER WILL HAVE ANY EMOTIONAL IMPACT! THUS THE RESURGENCE OF THESE BARBARIC SPECTACLES...


AH WELL, THANK YOU TO BOTH OF OUR GUESTS FOR SUCH GOOD RESPONSES TO OUR QUESTIONS.
AND TO EMPHASIZE, AS THE MAGISTER AND CHIEF FILLVALL ARE BOTH SEEKING TO BE RE-ELECTED, THIS PHENOMENON TAKES ON A MORE IMPORTANT POLITICAL DIMENSION SINCE NEITHER OF THEM HAVE BEEN ABLE TO STOP THESE RACES.


ZOIT!

OUR WAKE, WILL IT SURVIVE?_


WHERE WILL THIS LEAD US?
THUMPS

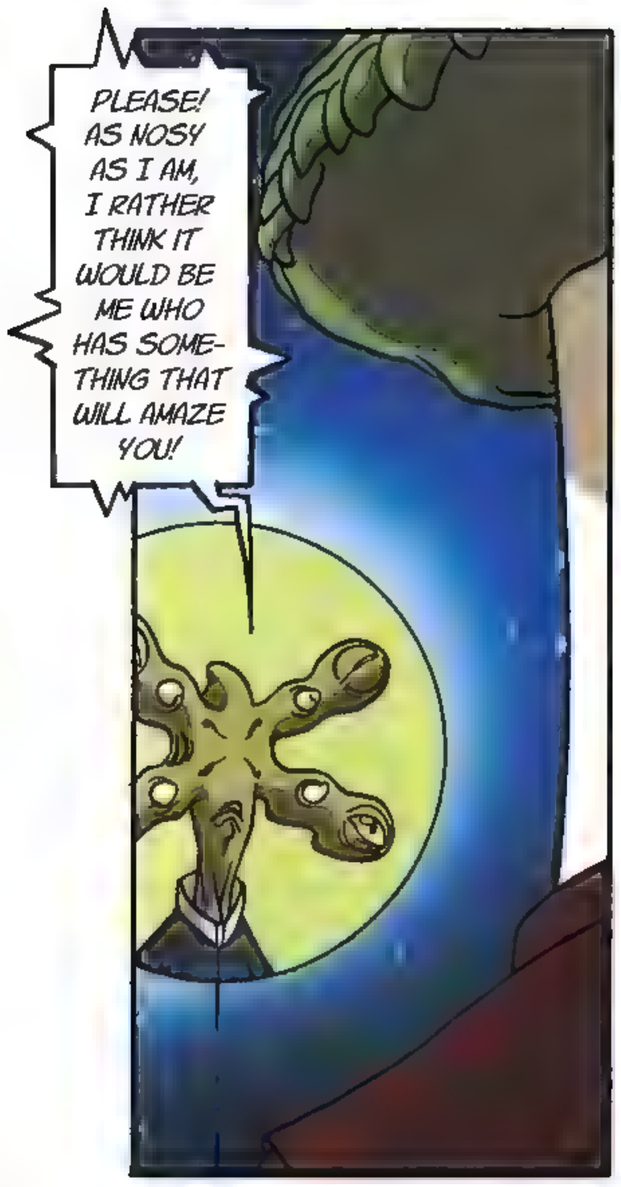
BEELEEP!
BEELEEP!
BEELEEP!

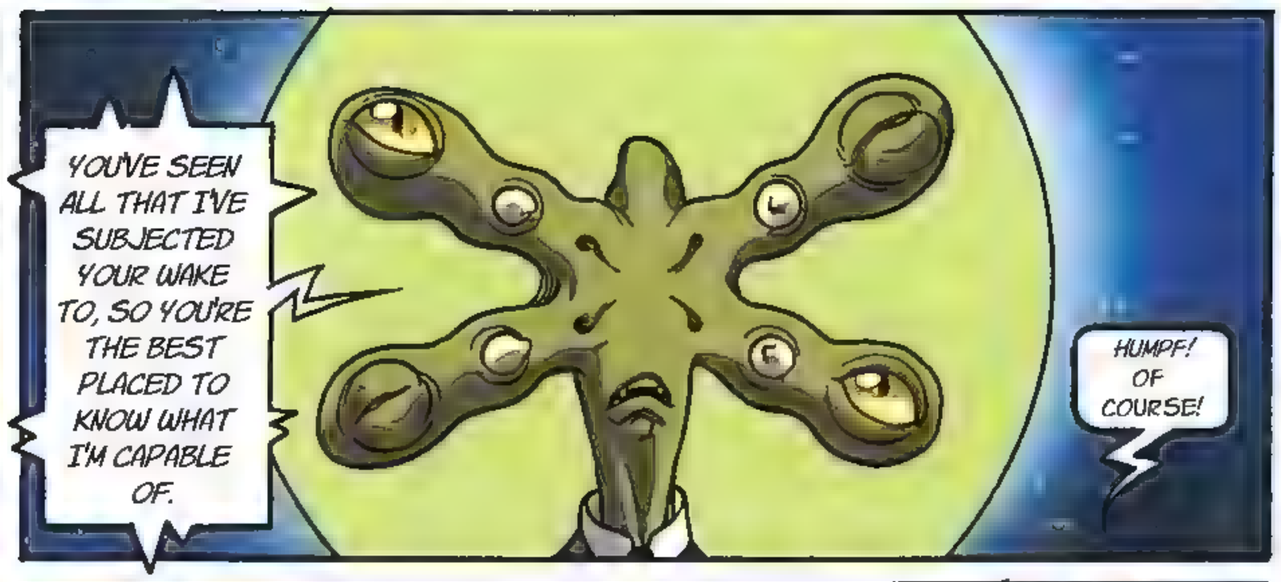
WE ARE HERE!!_
WHO_ WHO ARE YOU?

YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE ME?
EHMTE CISSRONN?!

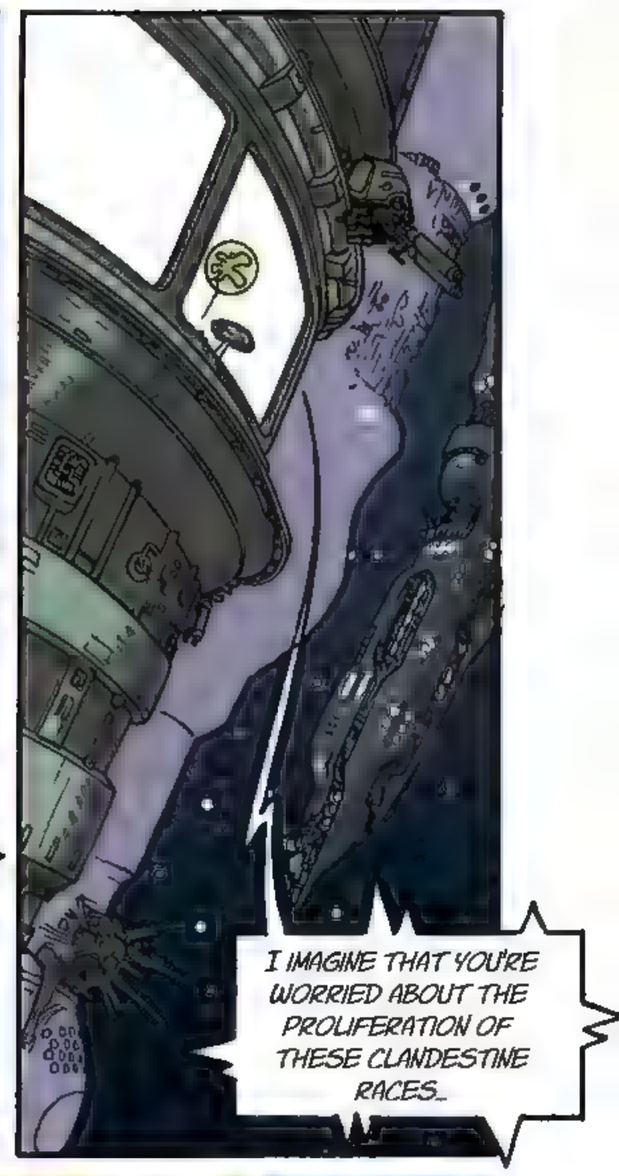
HOW ARE YOU SENDING ME THIS HOLO? MY CODES ARE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL!

AH, YES_ IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, BUT I HAVEN'T CHANGED MUCH.


PLEASE! AS NOSY AS I AM, I RATHER THINK IT WOULD BE ME WHO HAS SOMETHING THAT WILL AMAZE YOU!


YOU'VE SEEN ALL THAT I'VE SUBJECTED YOUR WAKE TO, SO YOU'RE THE BEST PLACED TO KNOW WHAT I'M CAPABLE OF.
HUMPF! OF COURSE!

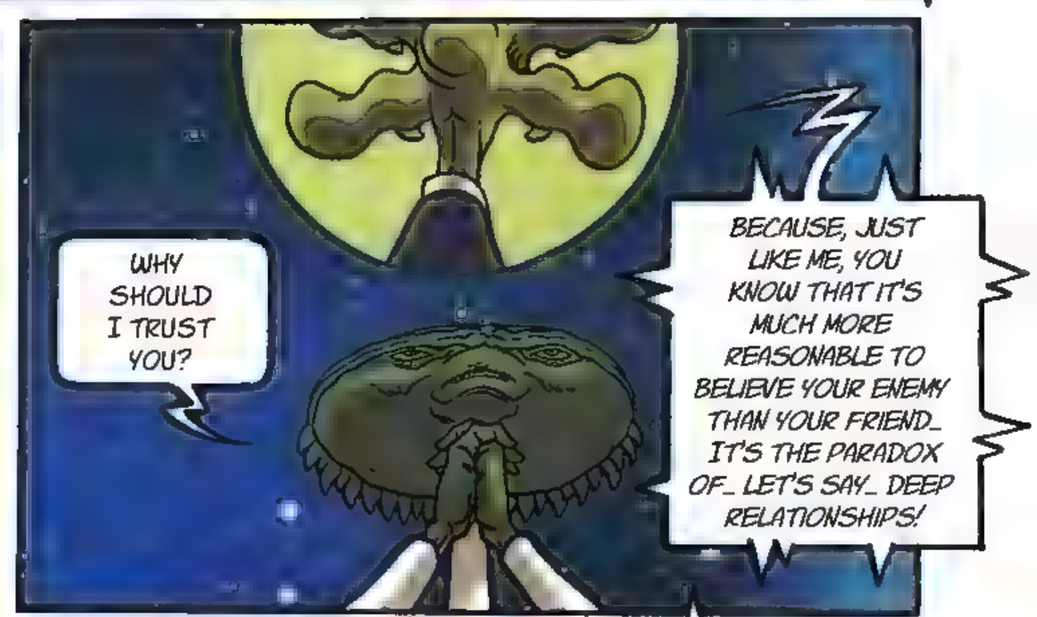
MY POSITION IS HARDLY COMFORTABLE... ALSO, PLEASE DON'T INTERRUPT ME.


I IMAGINE THAT YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT THE PROLIFERATION OF THESE CLANDESTINE RACES...

SUPPOSE THAT A VERY RELIABLE INFORMANT OFFERED ME THE NAME OF THE PLANET WHERE THE FINAL RACE WILL BE HELD.

A STING OPERATION WHICH WILL CALM THE NET ACTORS, THE BETTING AND CLANDESTINE GAMES WITH ONE STROKE!

NO DOUBT IT WOULD DO A LOT FOR YOUR POPULARITY... WHICH IS HARDLY BRILLIANT SINCE BECOMING THE HEAD OF THE COMMITTEE.


WHY SHOULD I TRUST YOU?
BECAUSE, JUST LIKE ME, YOU KNOW THAT IT'S MUCH MORE REASONABLE TO BELIEVE YOUR ENEMY THAN YOUR FRIEND... IT'S THE PARADOX OF... LET'S SAY... DEEP RELATIONSHIPS!

AND THEN, AS FOR ME, IF YOU SUDDENLY FIND YOURSELF IN THE OPPOSTION... I DON'T KNOW WHO I'D BATTLE AGAINST! AS THEY SAY, " ONE KNOWS WHAT ONE CAN LOSE..."

TO BE BRIEF, IF YOU WANT TO KNOW, IT'S NOW OR NEVER...

YOU SEE...

I WAS SURE THAT HE'D LISTEN TO ME.

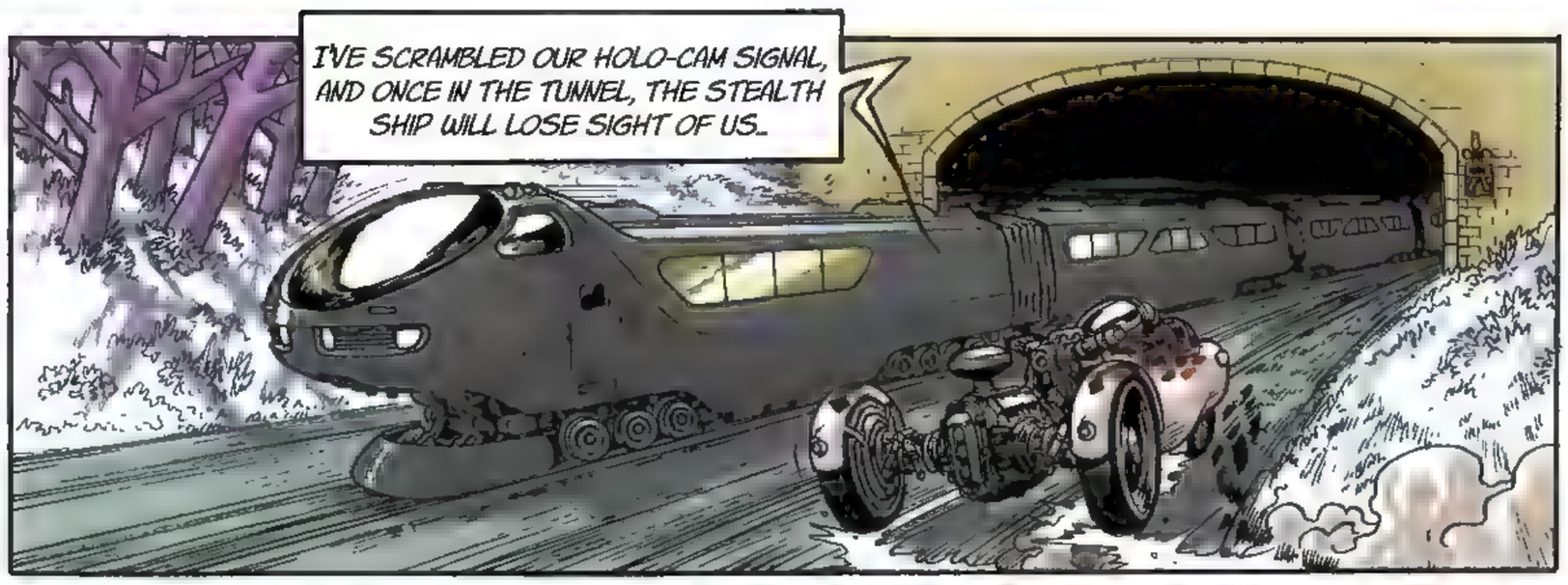
YEAH, BUT HOW TO BE SURE THAT THEY BELIEVED YOU, AND ABOVE ALL, HOW WILL THEY ACT?

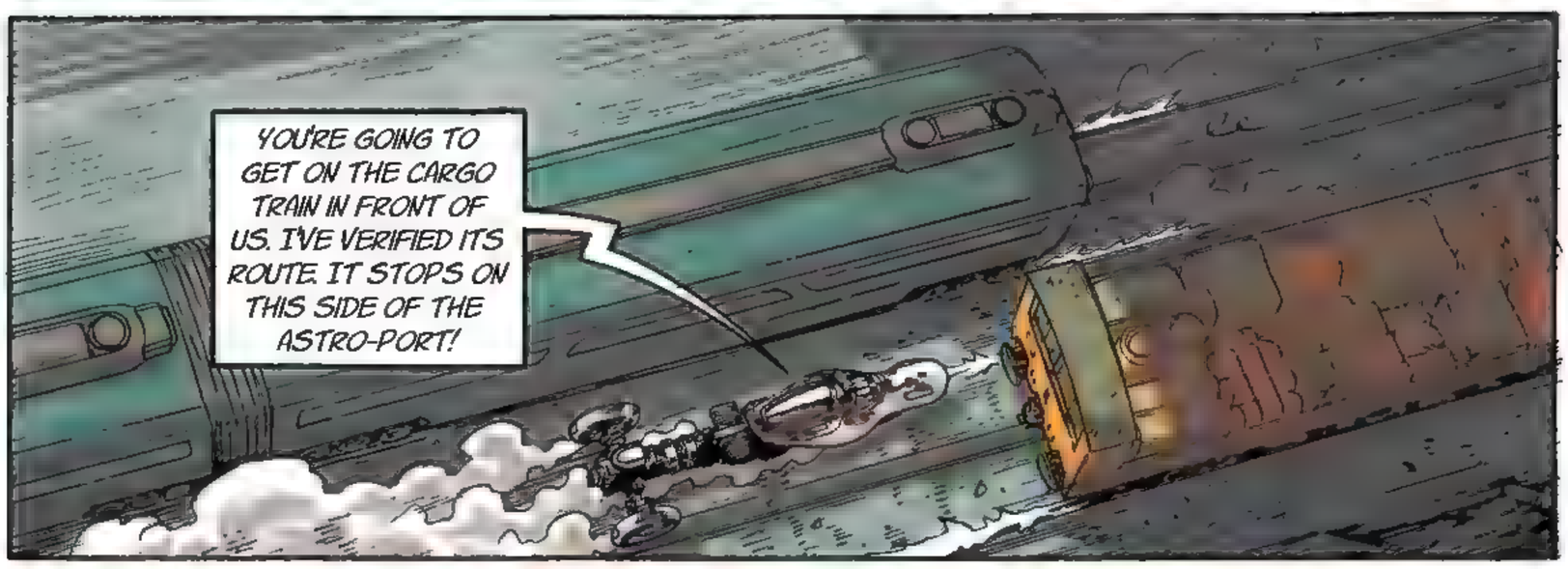
I OFTEN PLEAD CASES AND PLAY WITH THE LIVES OF MY CLIENTS...
BUT HERE, IT'S MINE THAT'S IN THE BALANCE... AND I'LL STAND ON MY REPUTATION.

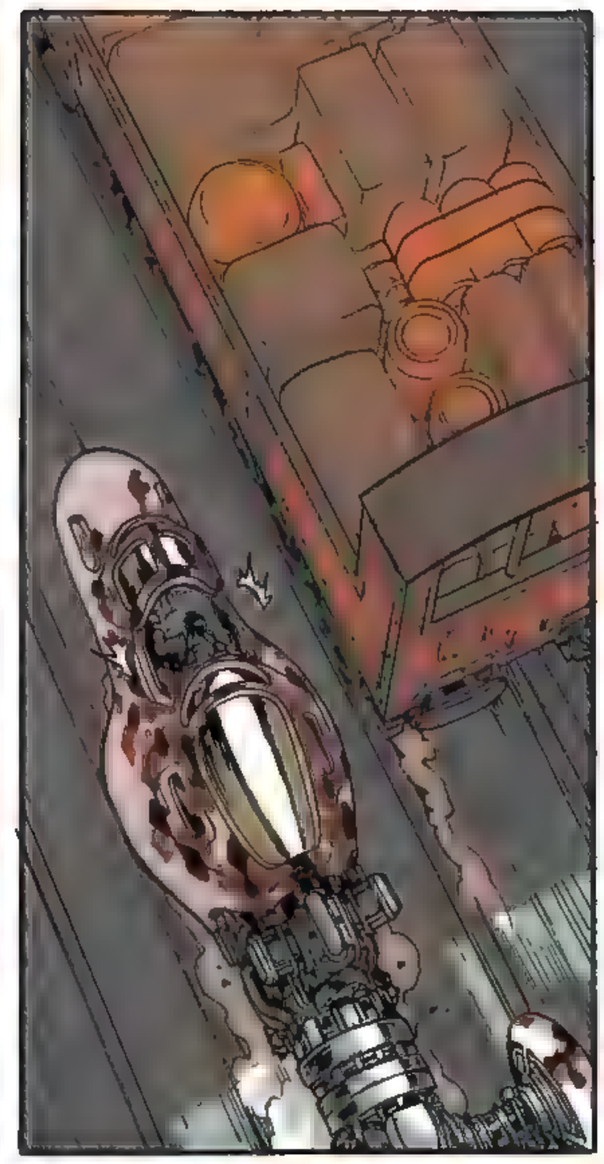
ALSO, I DIDN'T HAVE TO LIE, WHICH FACILITATED THINGS! SO, YOU'LL BE THE SOLE JUDGE OF THE RESULTS.

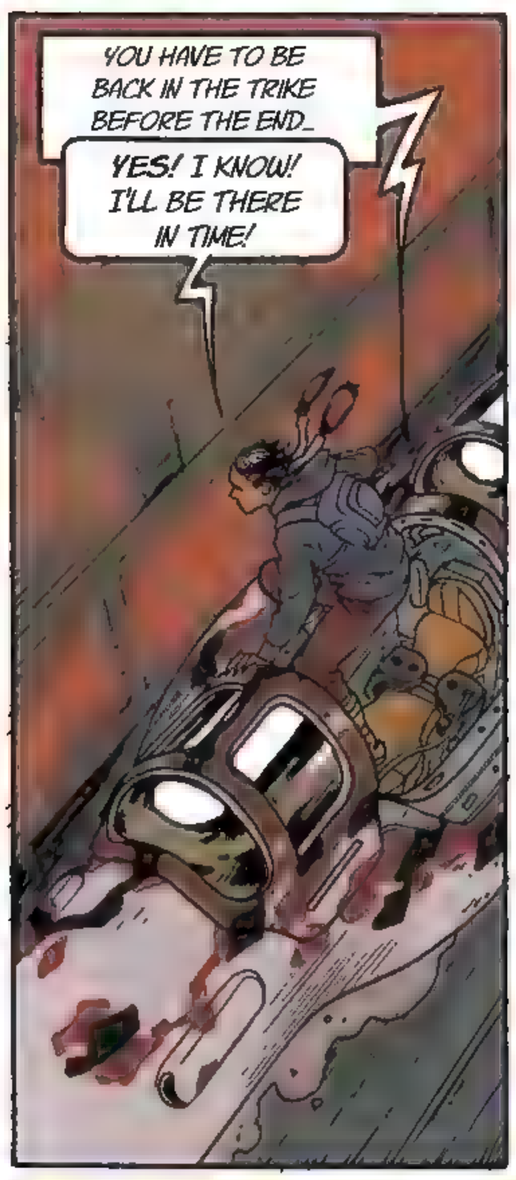
IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DECIDED WHAT TO DO WITH ME... BEFORE THE VERDICT IS EVEN HANDED DOWN.

AH!... MYSTERY, THAT IS THE SPICE OF LIFE!

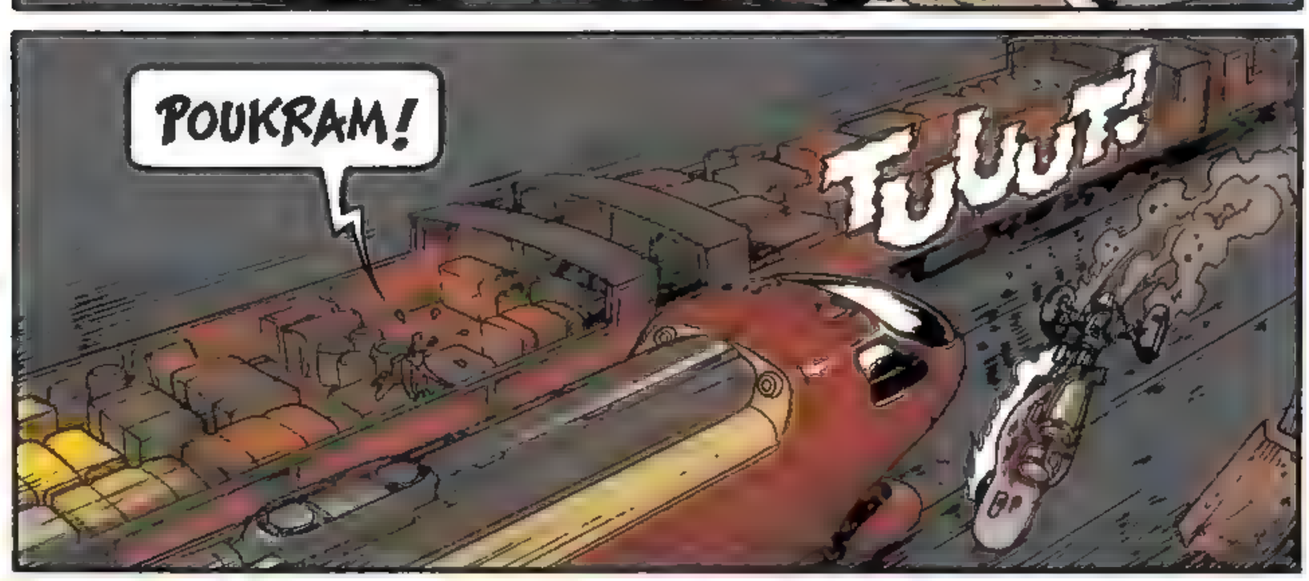

I'VE SCRAMBLED OUR HOLO-CAM SIGNAL, AND ONCE IN THE TUNNEL, THE STEALTH SHIP WILL LOSE SIGHT OF US..

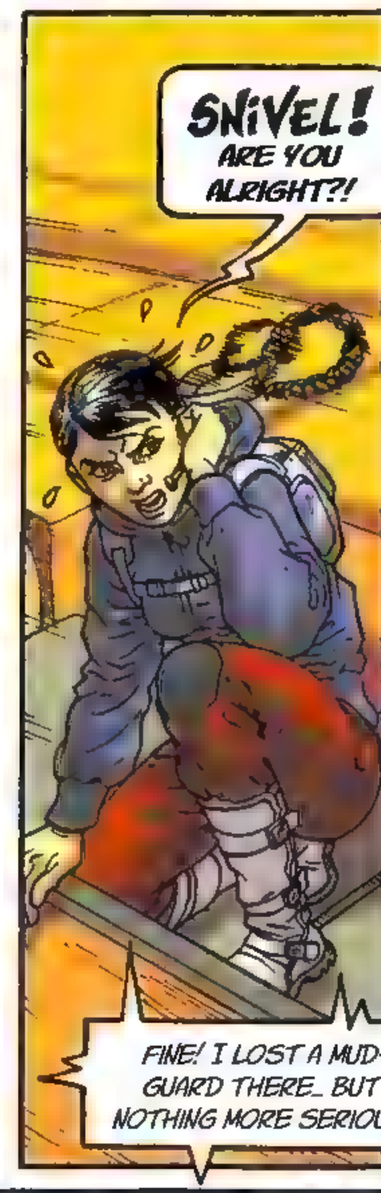

YOU'RE GOING TO GET ON THE CARGO TRAIN IN FRONT OF US. I'VE VERIFIED ITS ROUTE. IT STOPS ON THIS SIDE OF THE ASTRO-PORT!

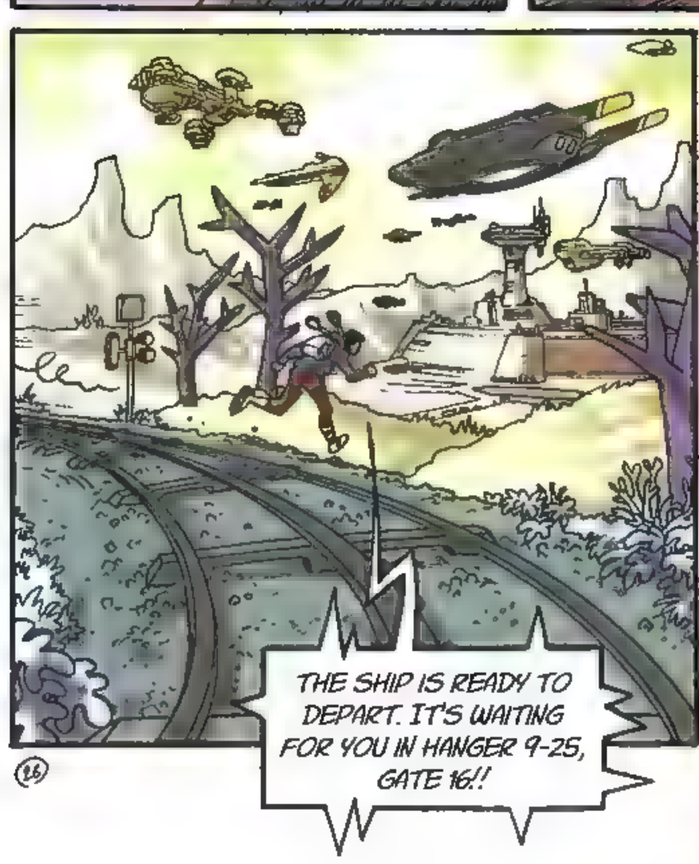


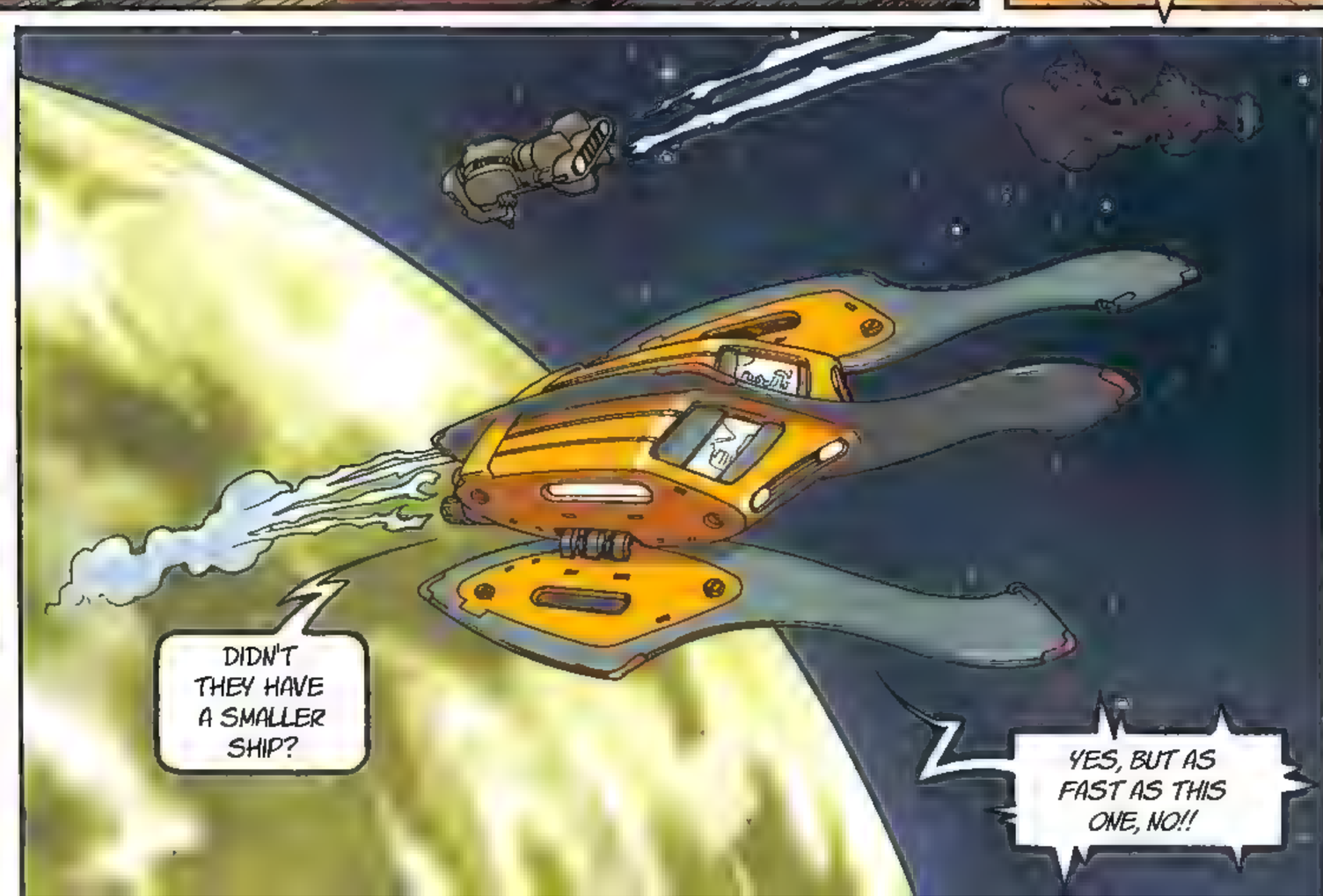

YOU HAVE TO BE BACK IN THE TRIKE BEFORE THE END..
YES! I KNOW! I'LL BE THERE IN TIME!

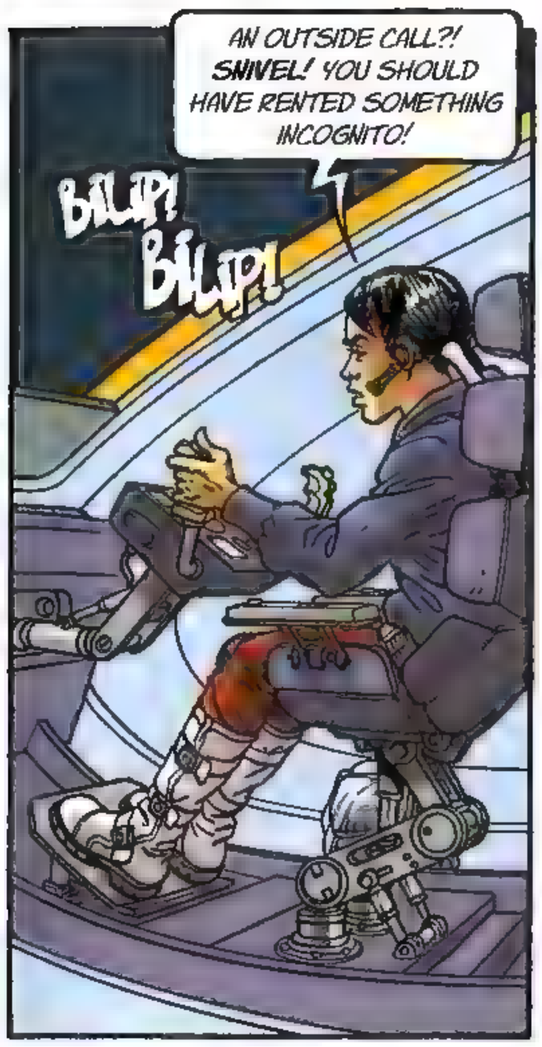
WHERE DID THAT TRAIN COME FROM?!

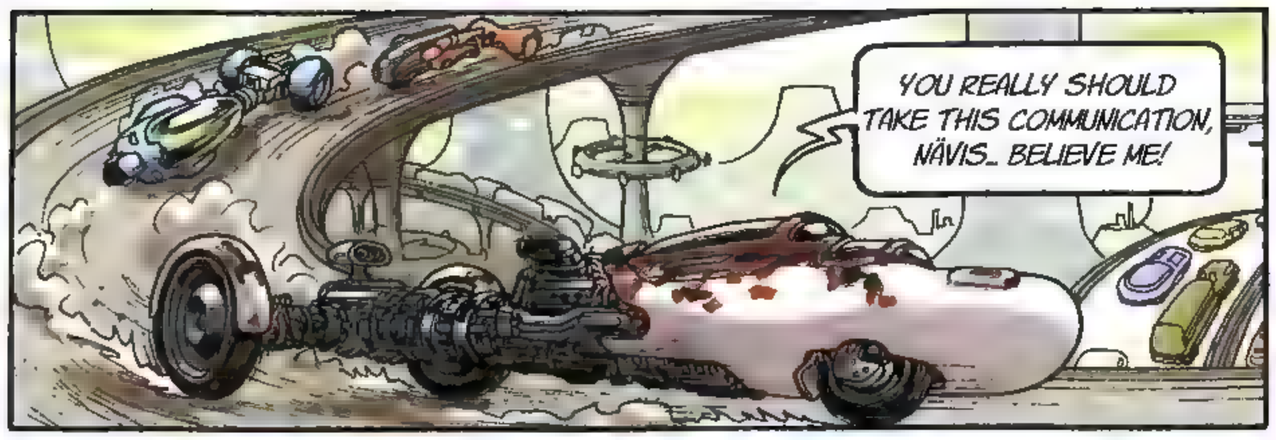

POUKRAM!
TUUUT!

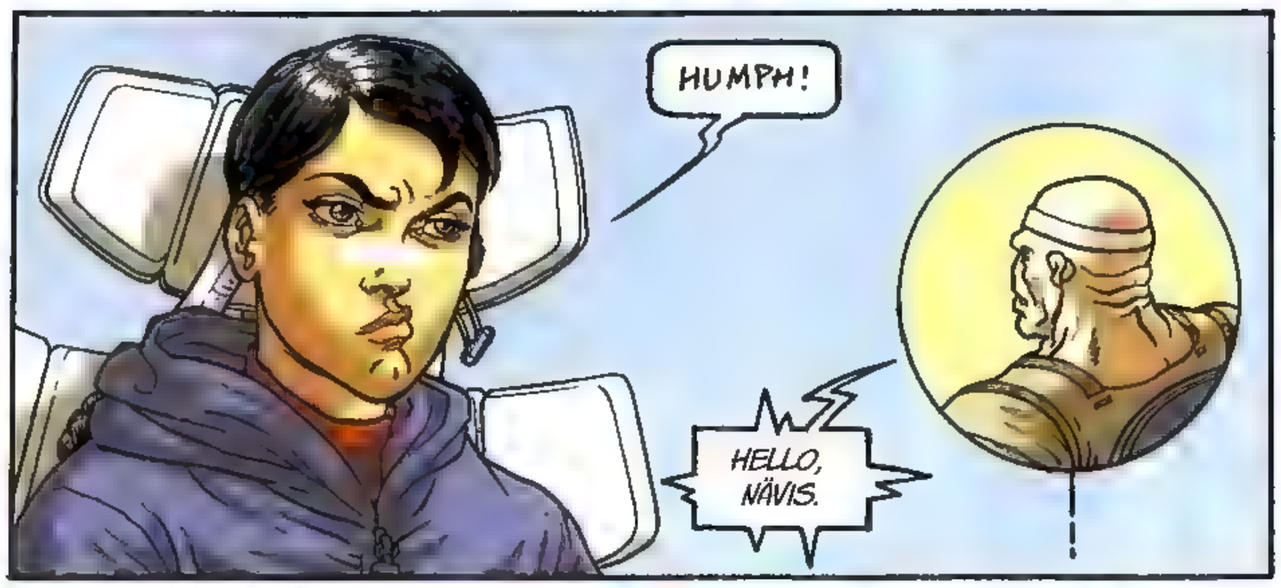

SNIVEL! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
FINE! I LOST A MUD-GUARD THERE.. BUT NOTHING MORE SERIOUS!

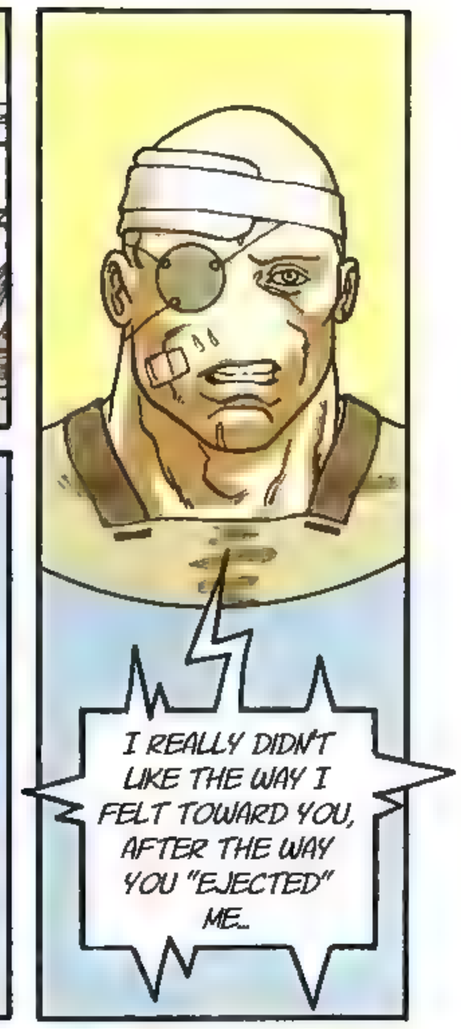

THE SHIP IS READY TO DEPART. IT'S WAITING FOR YOU IN HANGER 9-25, GATE 16!!

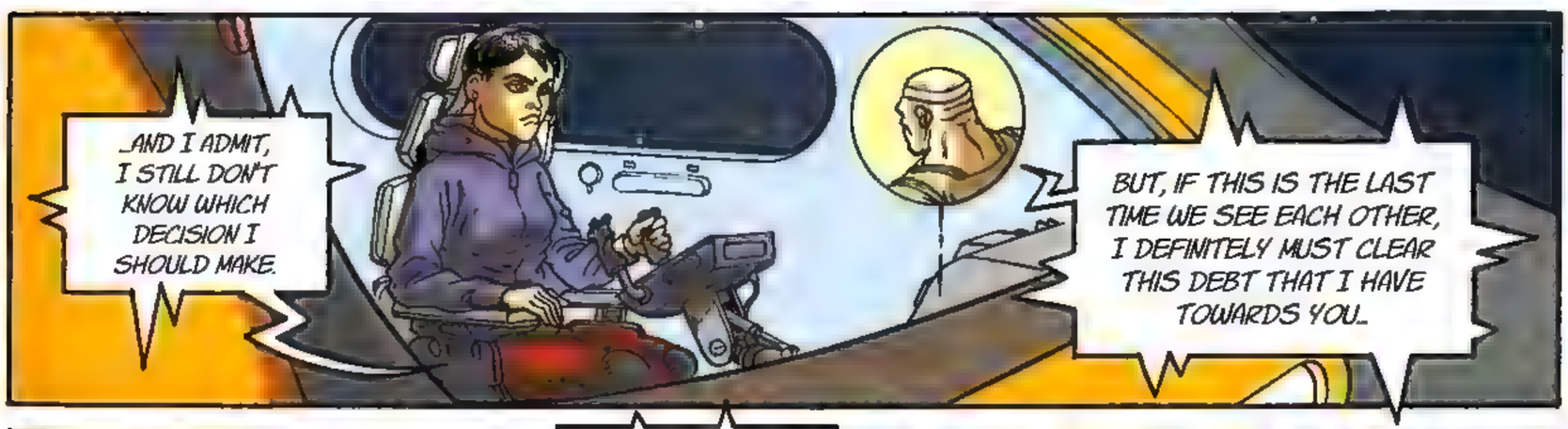

DIDN'T THEY HAVE A SMALLER SHIP?
YES, BUT AS FAST AS THIS ONE, NO!!


AN OUTSIDE CALL?! SNIVEL! YOU SHOULD HAVE RENTED SOMETHING INCOGNITO!
BILIP! BILIP!


YOU REALLY SHOULD TAKE THIS COMMUNICATION, NÄVIS... BELIEVE ME!

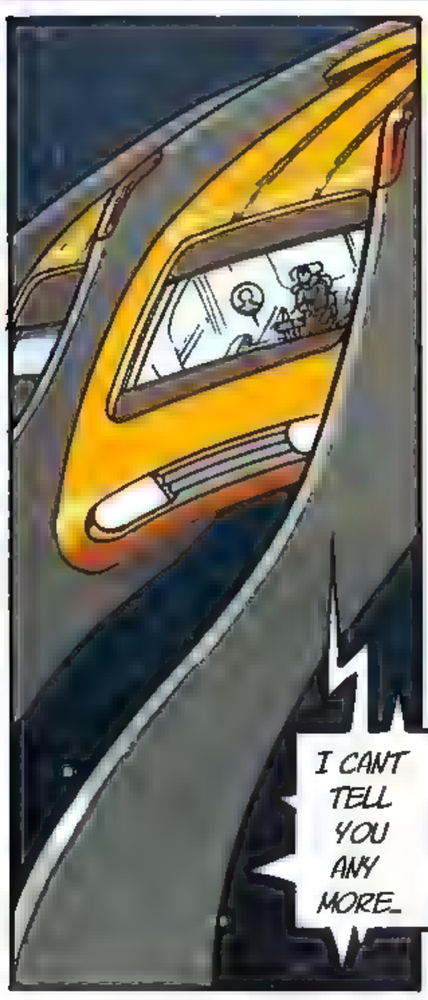

HUMPH!
HELLO, NÄVIS.


I REALLY DIDN'T LIKE THE WAY I FELT TOWARD YOU, AFTER THE WAY YOU "EJECTED" ME...


...AND I ADMIT, I STILL DON'T KNOW WHICH DECISION I SHOULD MAKE.
BUT, IF THIS IS THE LAST TIME WE SEE EACH OTHER, I DEFINITELY MUST CLEAR THIS DEBT THAT I HAVE TOWARDS YOU...

DON'T BE ANGRY WITH SNIVEL...
BUT HE TOLD ME THAT YOU DECIDED TO ENTER ATSUKAU'S SHIP...

TO SETTLE ALL ACCOUNTS, IN SOME WAY, I'M SENDING YOU THE UNEDITED RECORDING AND THE PLANS FROM MY VISIT THERE...


I CANT TELL YOU ANY MORE...

IT'S UP TO YOU FIND THE TRUTH ABOUT IT.
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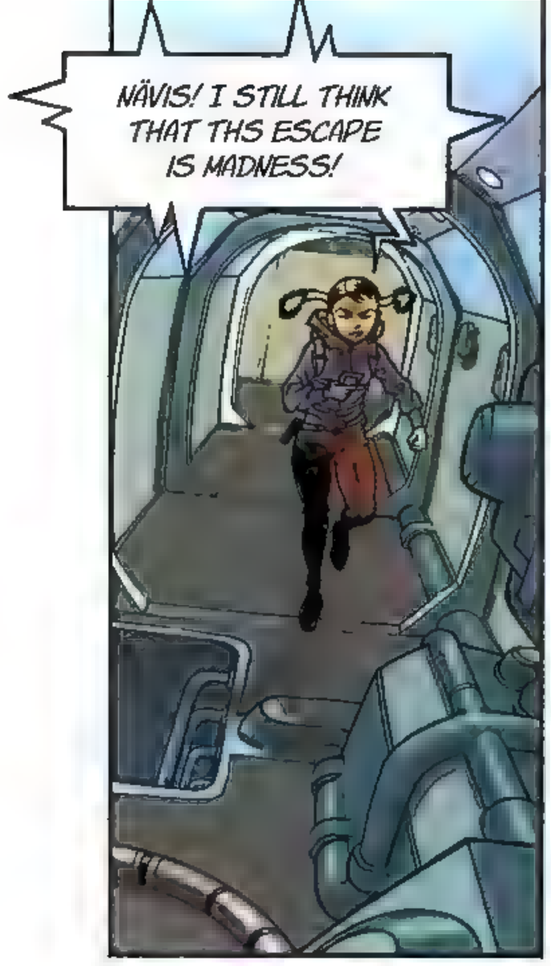
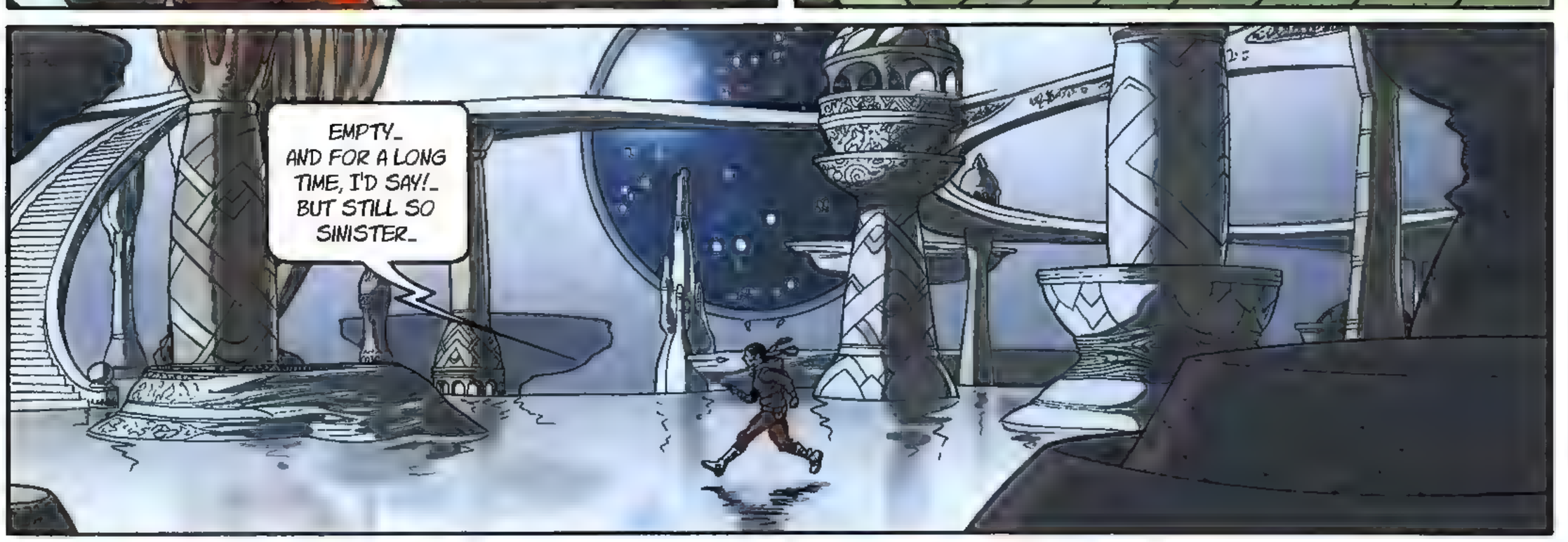
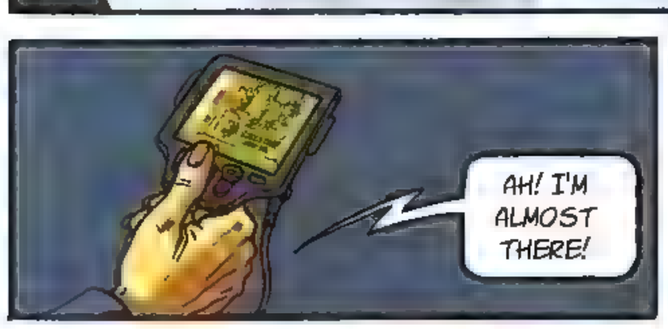

NÄVIS! I STILL THINK THAT THIS ESCAPE IS MADNESS!

IF YOU DON'T MANAGE TO GET BACK TO THE TRIKE IN TIME IT WILL BE A MEGA-CATASTROPHE!
AH! I UNDERSTAND! BOBO GAVE ME THESE PLANS TO SAVE ME SOME TIME!
A CASE OF FORCE MAJEURE! AND I DON'T KNOW WHO SUPPLIED THEM, BOBO REACTED VERY QUICKLY!
MACHINES DON'T HAVE THE SAME CONCEPTION OF TIME!_

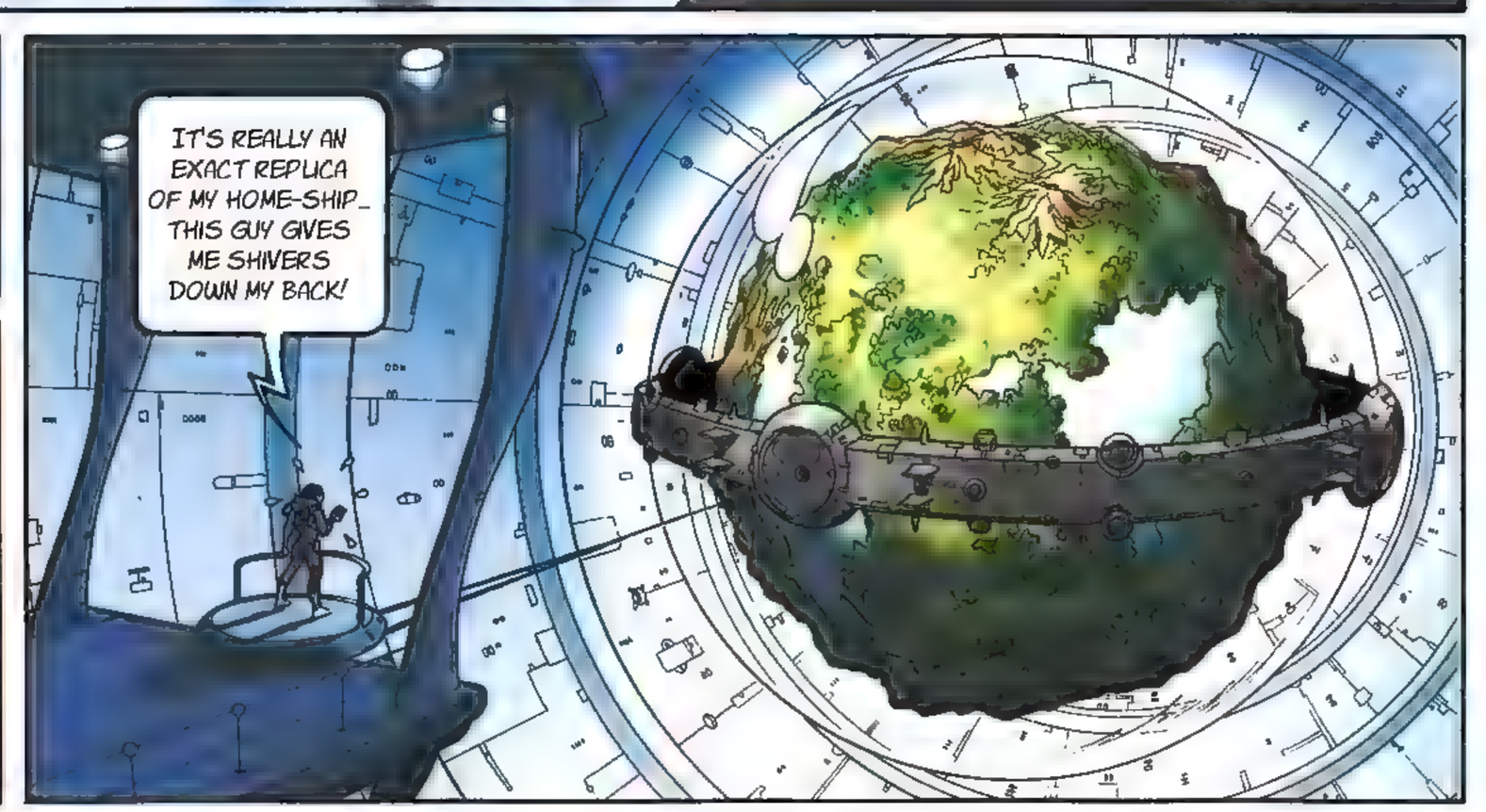
ME, I HAVE THE FEELING THAT IT WOULD TAKE AN ETERNITY TO SPIT OUT THE FINAL PIECE!

I'M AT THE HAREM_

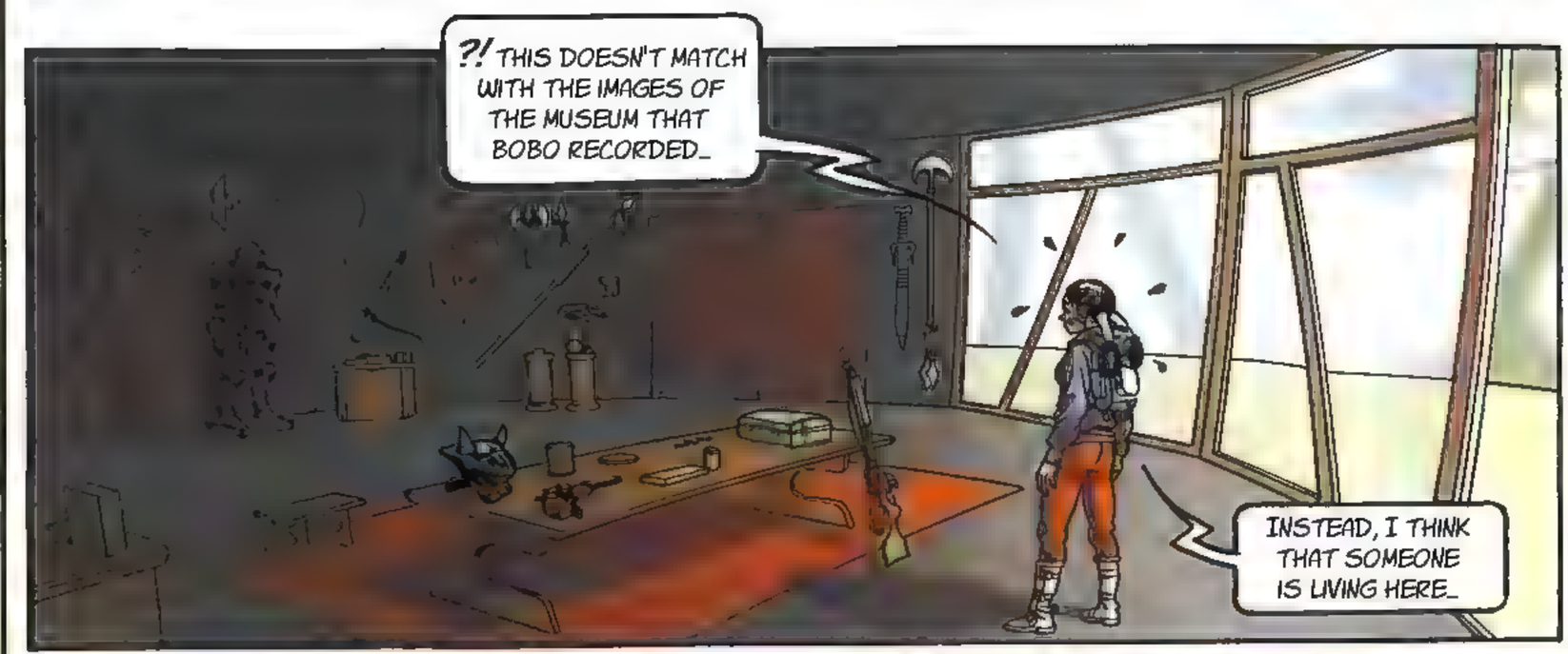

EMPTY_ AND FOR A LONG TIME, I'D SAY!_ BUT STILL SO SINISTER_

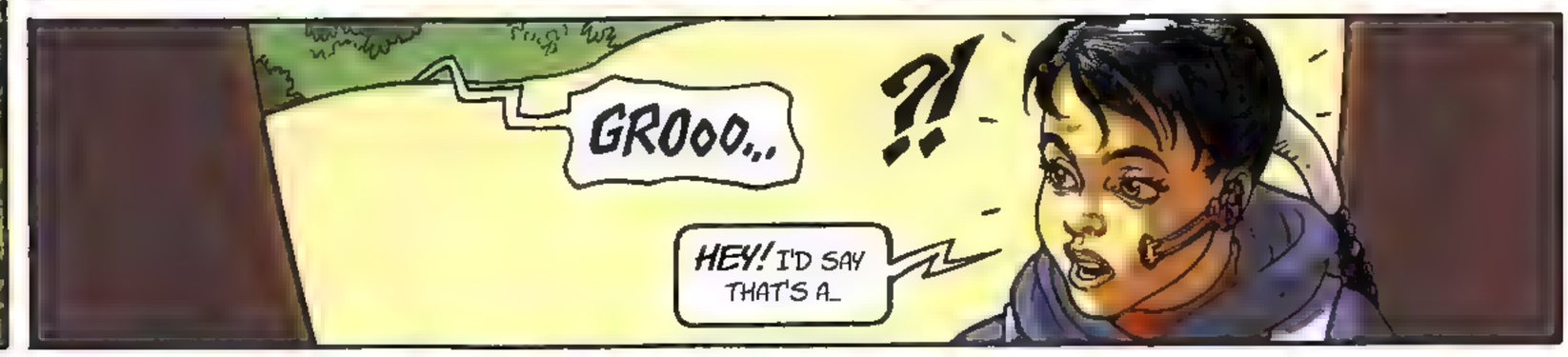

AH! I'M ALMOST THERE!

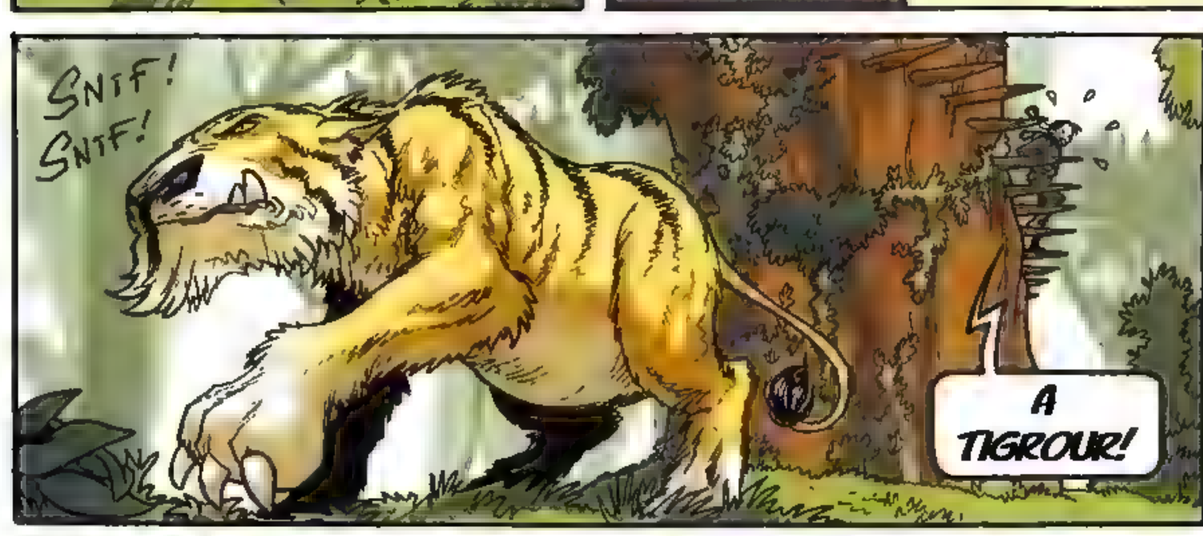
IT'S BEHIND THIS DOOR.

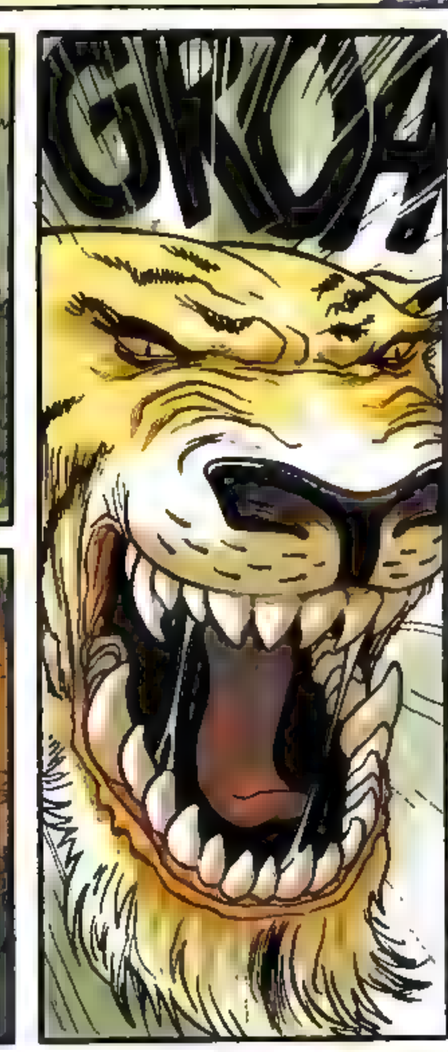

IT'S REALLY AN EXACT REPLICA OF MY HOME-SHIP_ THIS GUY GIVES ME SHIVERS DOWN MY BACK!

IT'S_ IT'S EXACTLY LIKE MY HOME_ THIS IS GIVING ME A VERY FUNNY FEELING!


?! THIS DOESN'T MATCH WITH THE IMAGES OF THE MUSEUM THAT BOBO RECORDED_
INSTEAD, I THINK THAT SOMEONE IS LIVING HERE_


GROOO..
?!
HEY! I'D SAY THAT'S A_


SNIF! SNIF!
A TIGROUR!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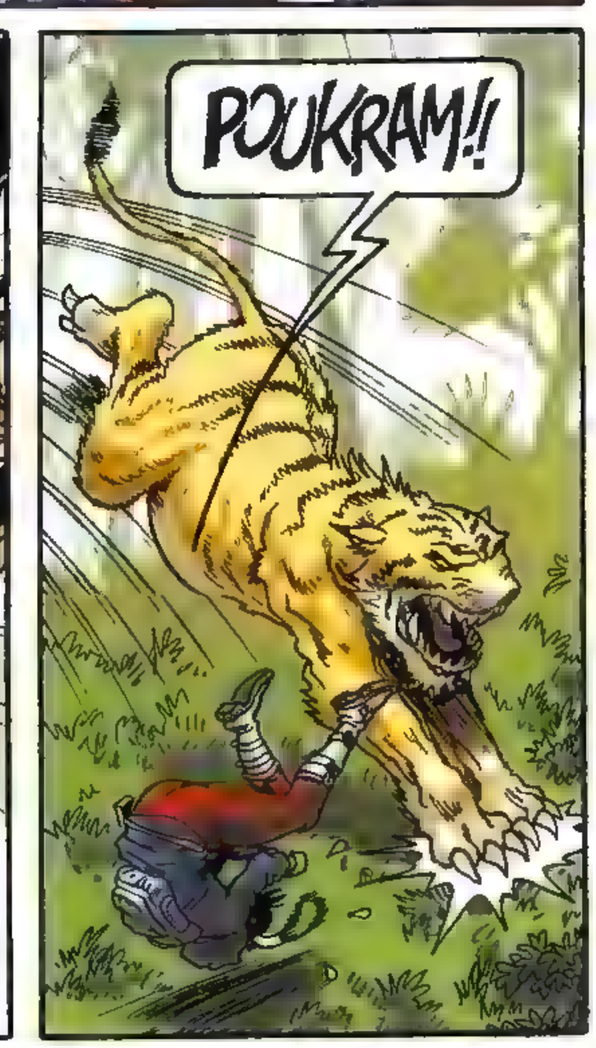
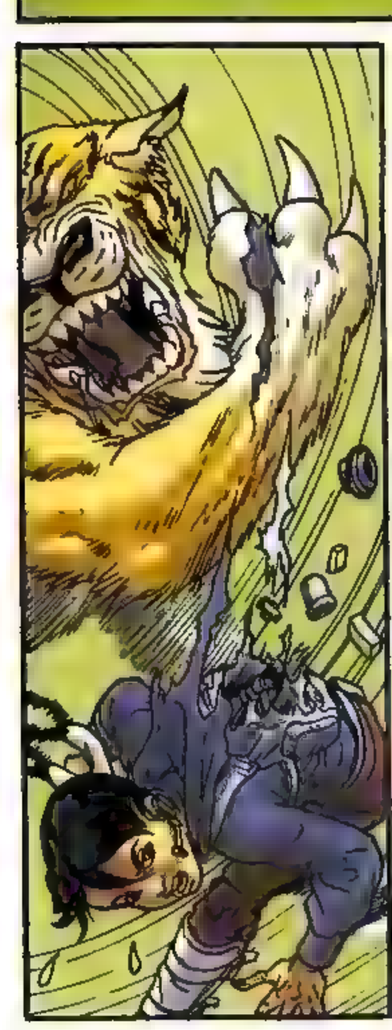
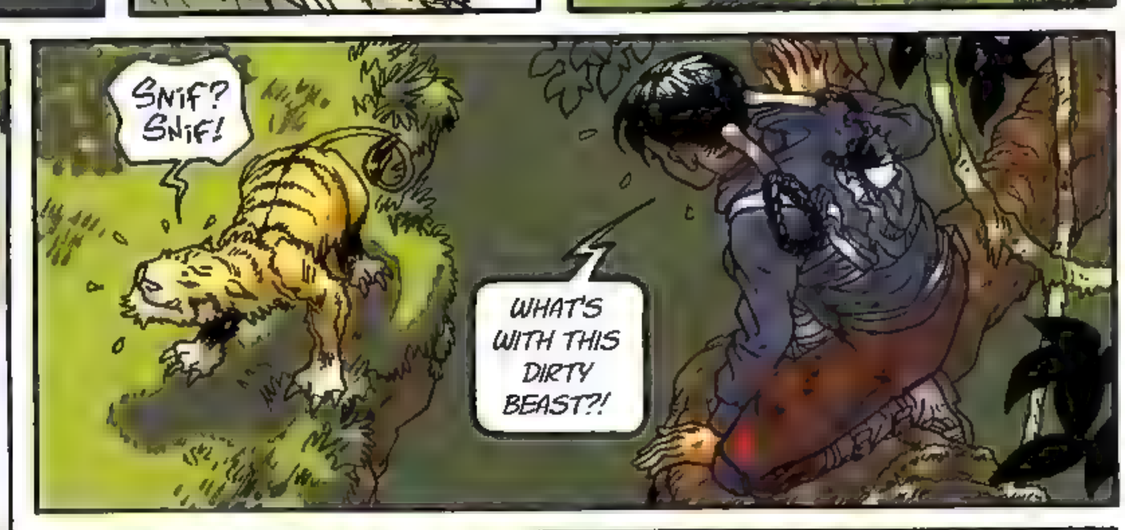

POUKRAM!!

HEY! HELLO! MY BEAUTY!




SNIF? SNIF!
WHAT'S WITH THIS DIRTY BEAST?!

GRRRROO...

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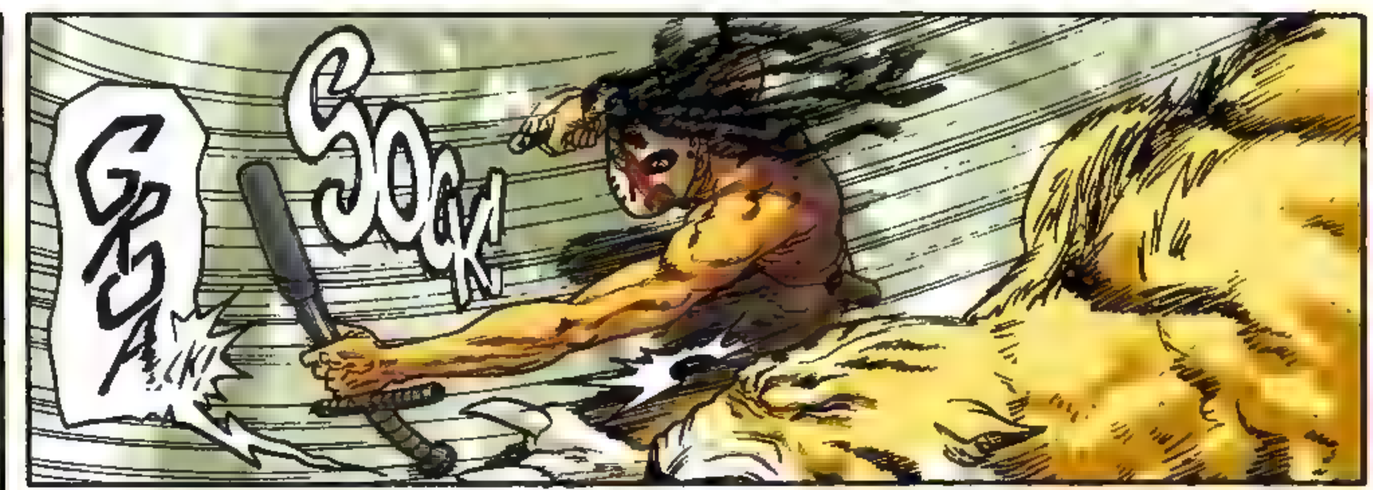
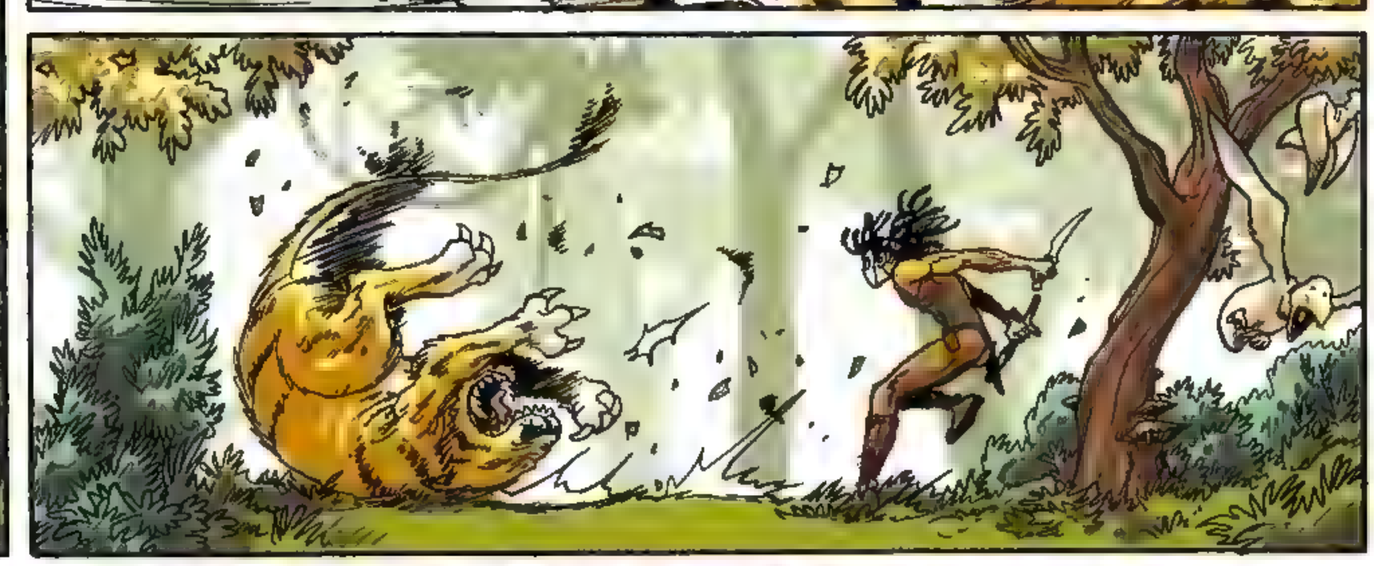
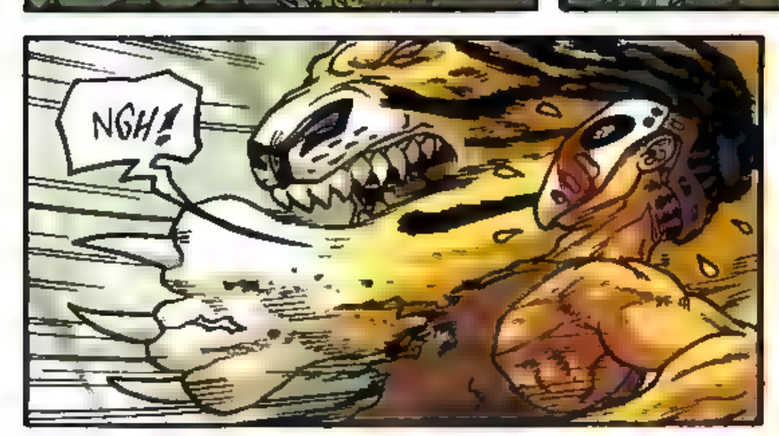
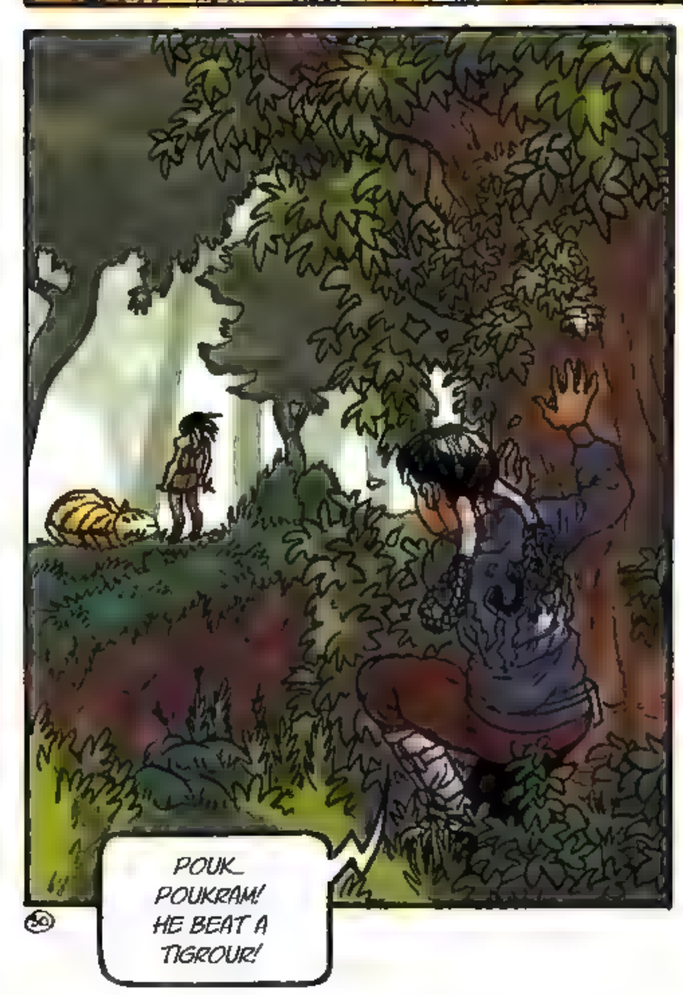
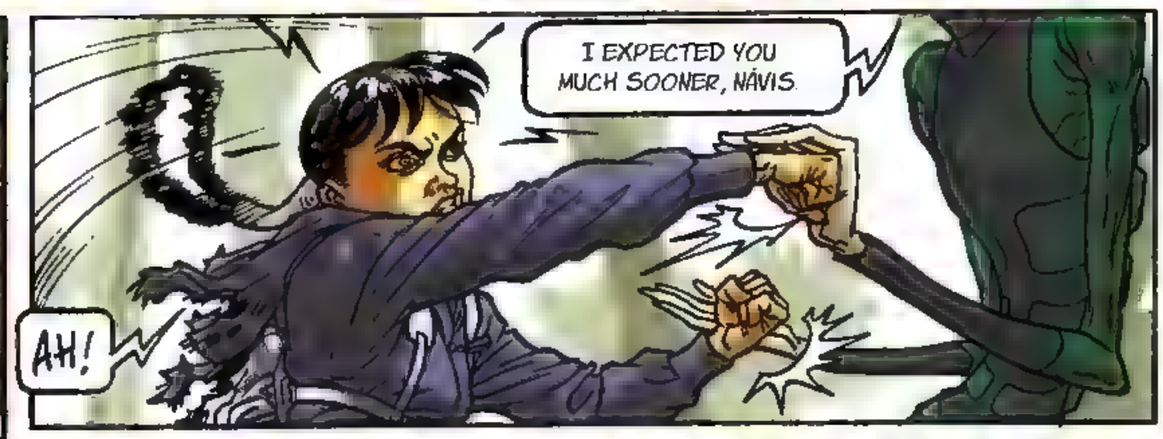

GRA
SOOK




NGH!


POUK
POUKRAM!
HE BEAT A
TIGROUR!

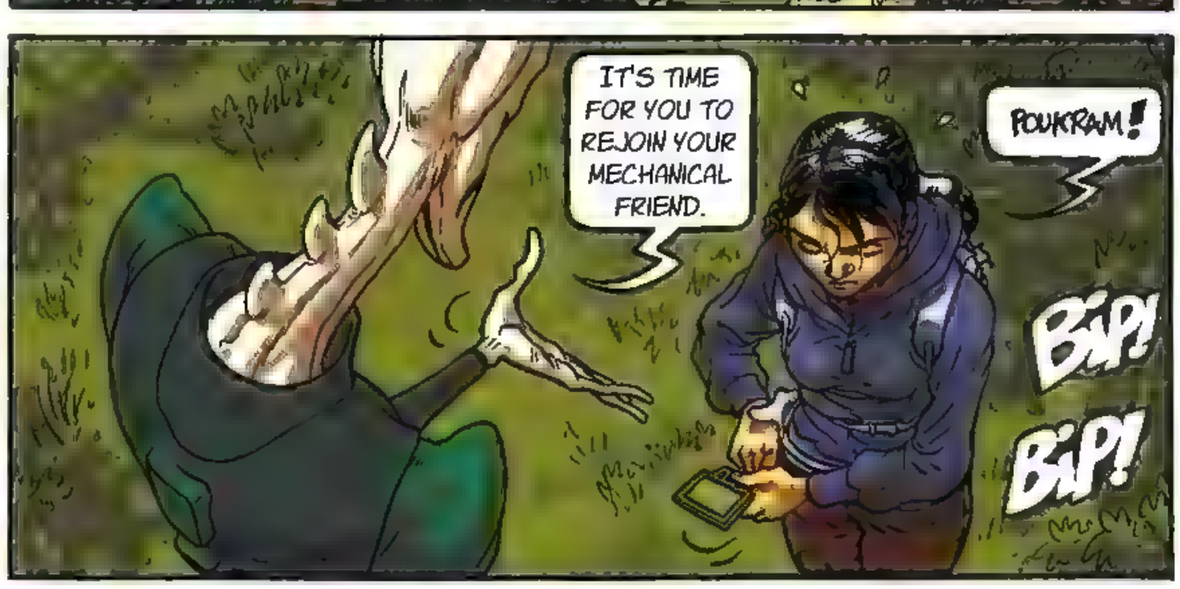
HE'S BEEN
TAUGHT TO
BE AS
AGGRESSIVE
AS POSSIBLE.


I EXPECTED YOU
MUCH SOONER, NÁVIS.
AH!

BUT, AS USUAL, YOU
ALWAYS ARRIVE AT A
BAD MOMENT.

IF HE TOUCHED YOU, THINGS WOULD HAVE TAKEN A BAD TURN.

ANYWAY, I KNOW YOUR TIME IS LIMITED_


IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO REJOIN YOUR MECHANICAL FRIEND.
POUKRAM!
BIP!
BIP!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!_ WHO IS THAT LUNATIC?!
BIP! BIP!

GOOD-BYE, NÄVIS.
...
BIP! BIP!

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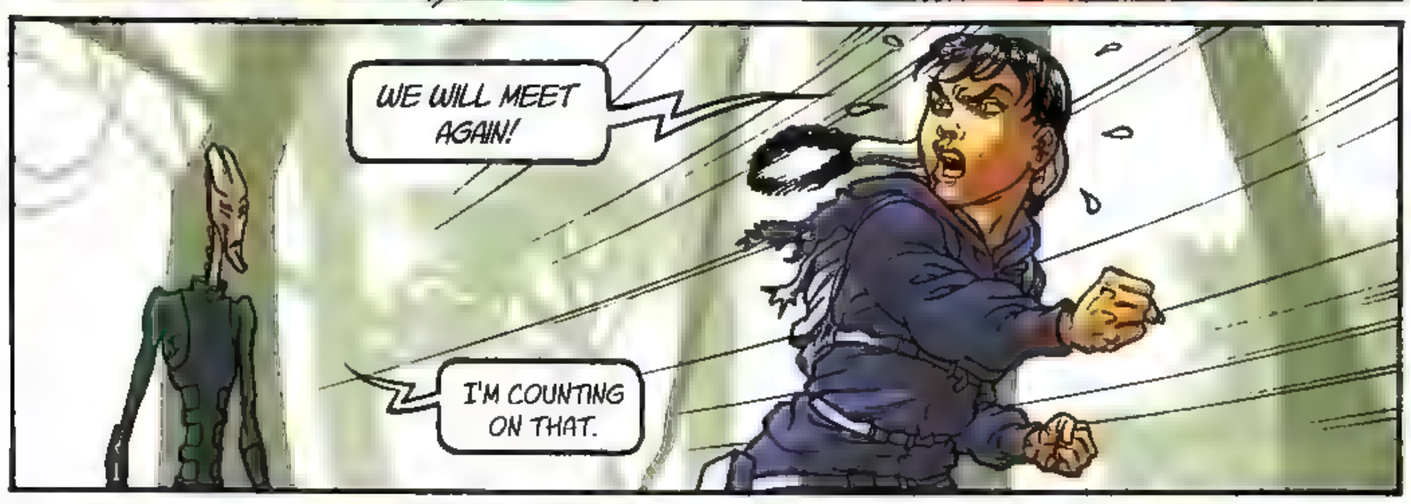
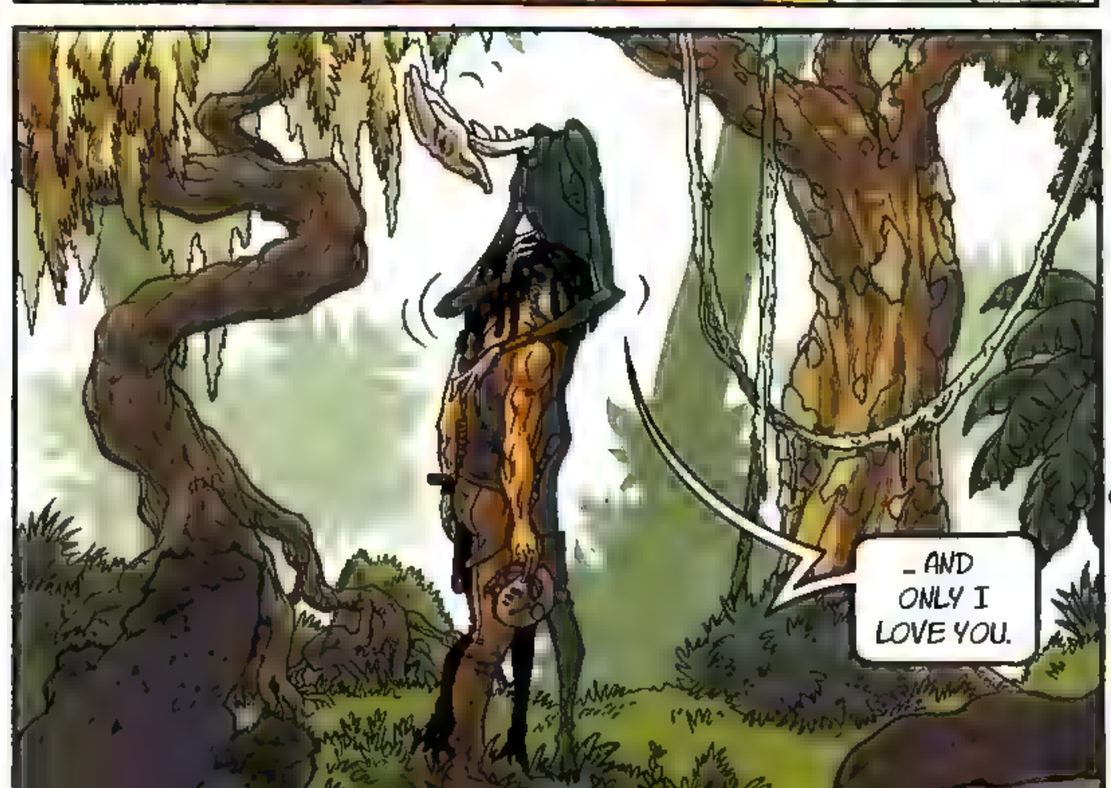
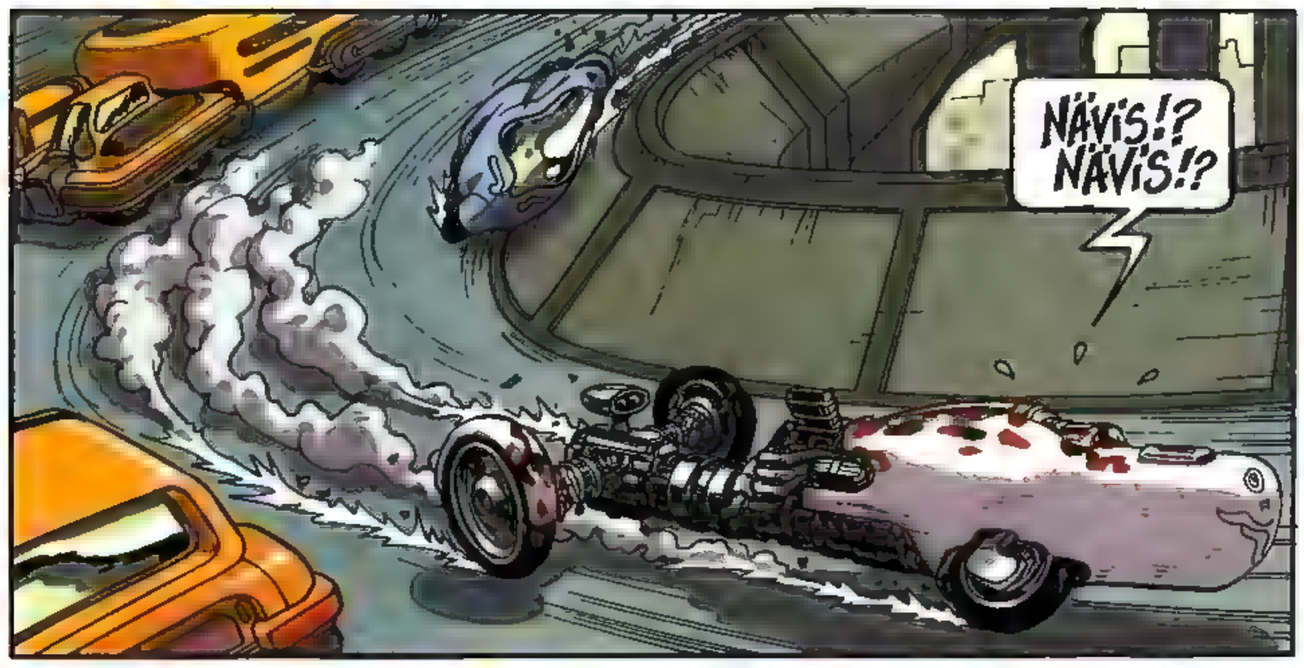
IT'S JUST ME_ CALM YOURSELF, MY SON.

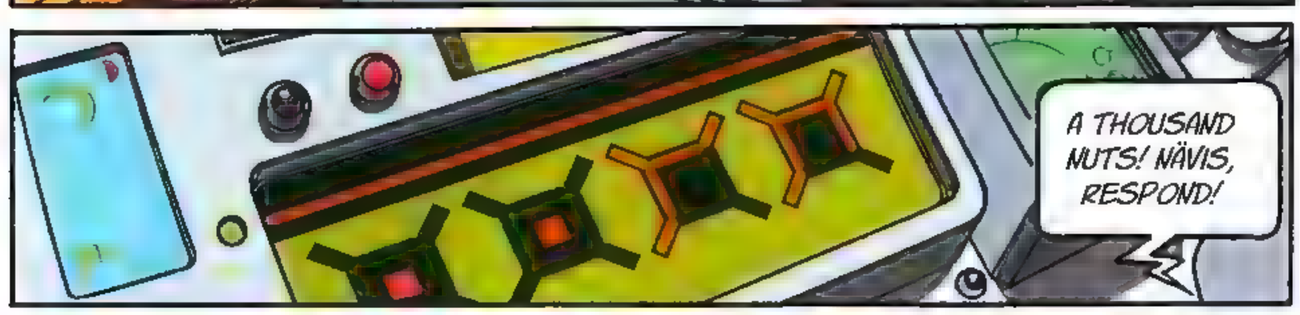

WE WILL MEET AGAIN!
I'M COUNTING ON THAT.

YOU DON'T GIVE ME ORDERS! _YOU'RE NOT MY FATHER!!
I'M MUCH MORE THAN A FATHER! WITHOUT ME YOU'D BE NOTHING_

_NOR NO ONE!


_ AND ONLY I LOVE YOU.


NÄVIS!? NÄVIS!?


A THOUSAND NUTS! NÄVIS, RESPOND!

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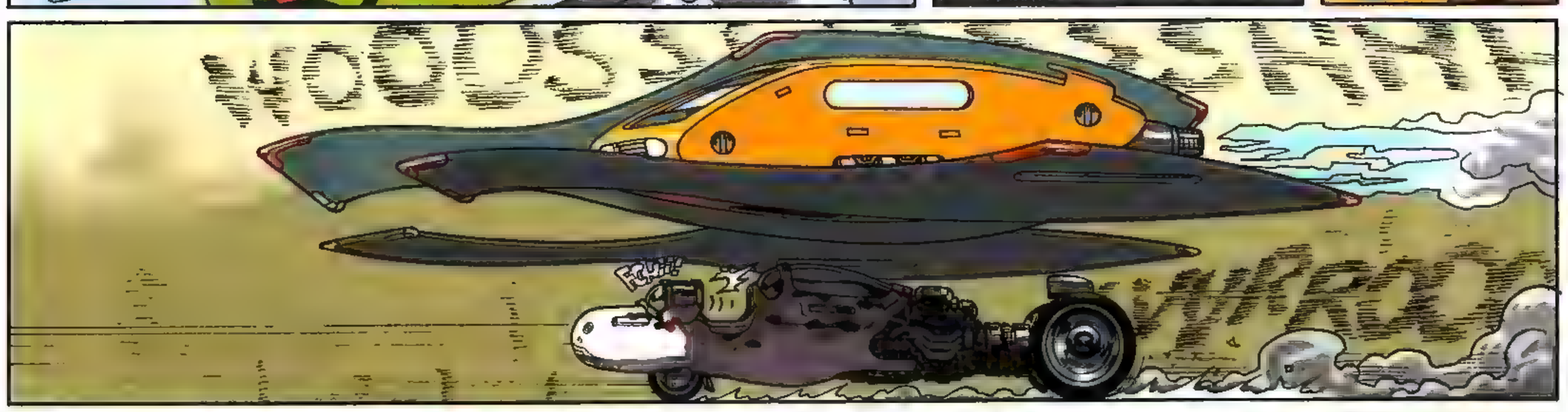
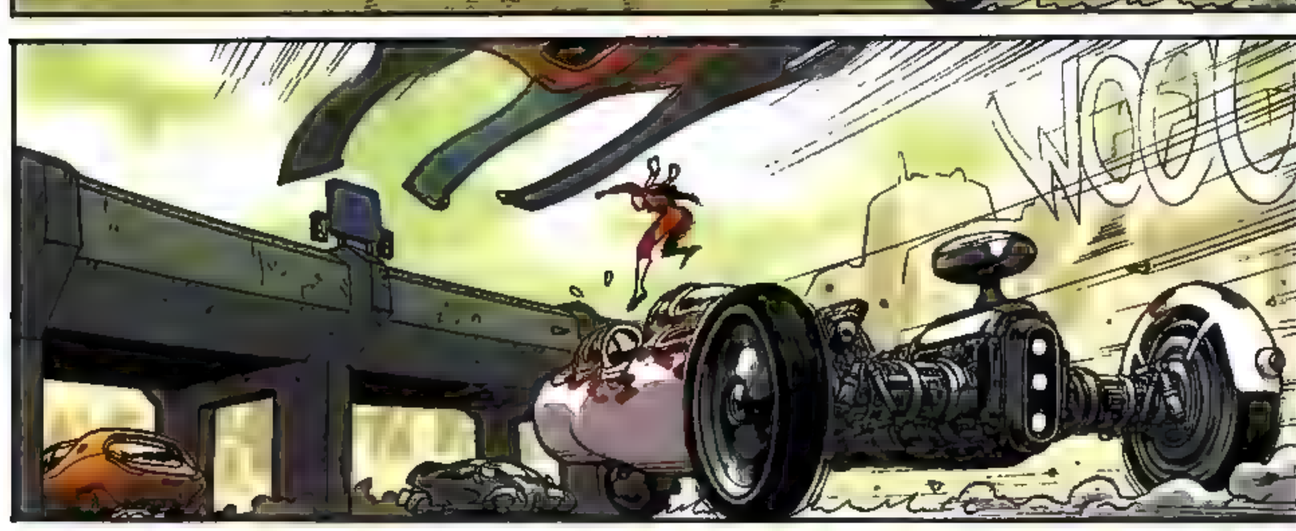
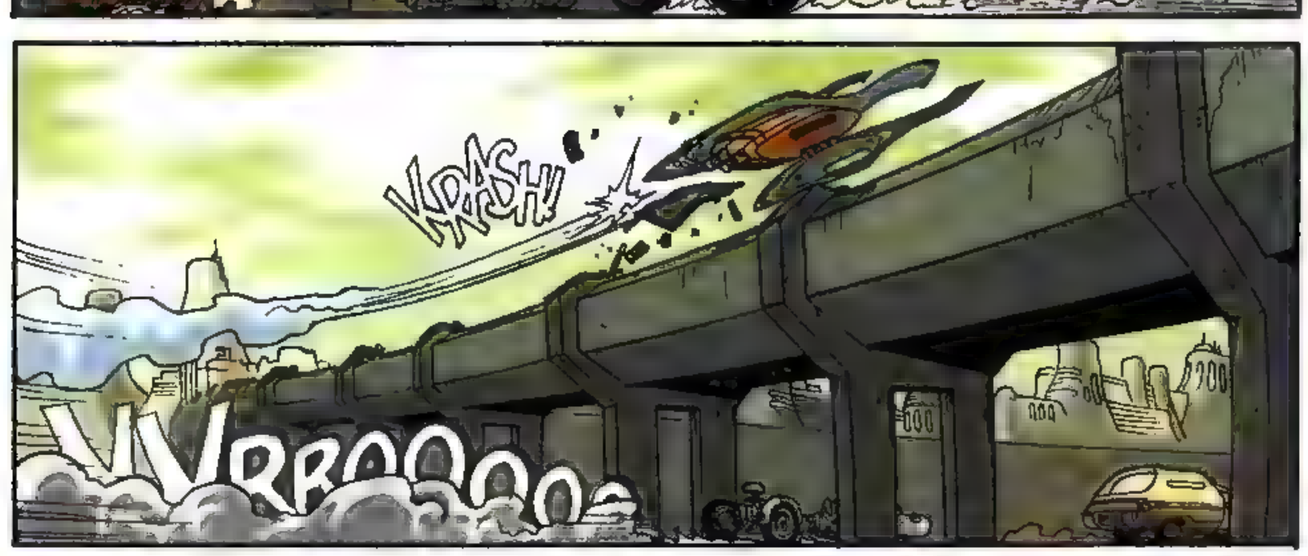
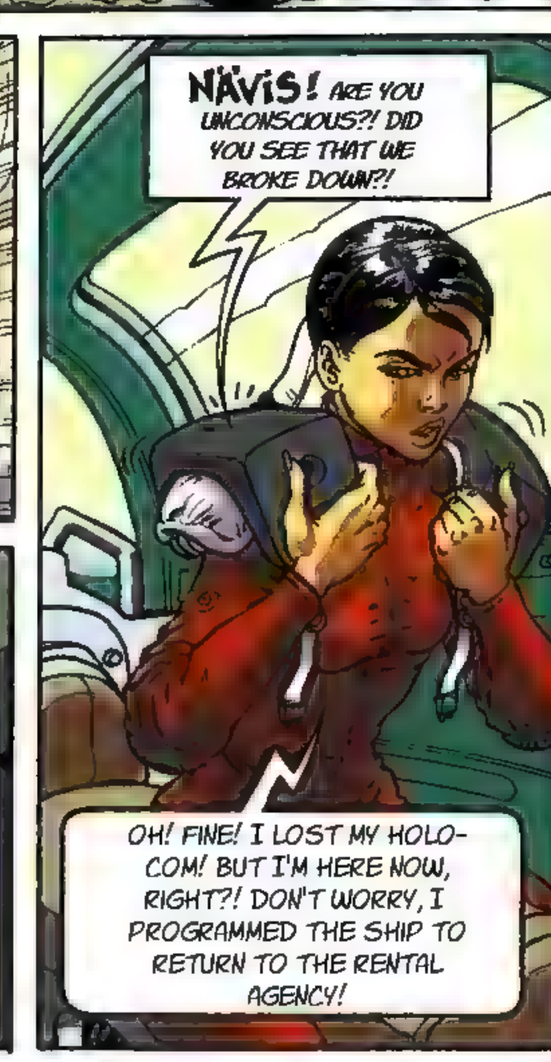
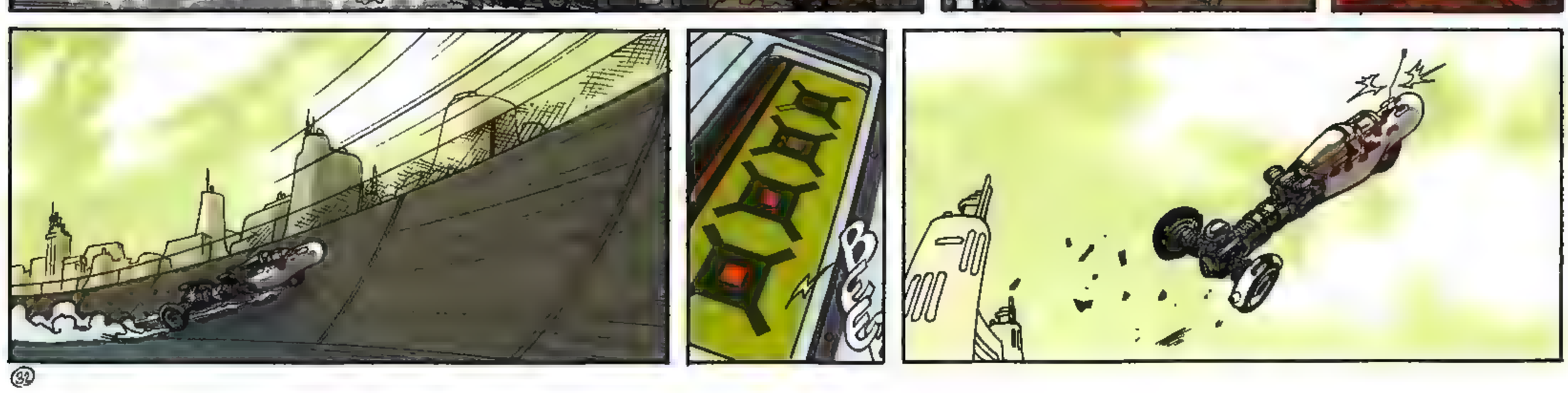

FLUH!


WOOSH


KRASH!
VRROOOOO


NÄVIS! ARE YOU UNCONSCIOUS?! DID YOU SEE THAT WE BROKE DOWN?!
OH! FINE! I LOST MY HOLO-COM! BUT I'M HERE NOW, RIGHT?! DON'T WORRY, I PROGRAMMED THE SHIP TO RETURN TO THE RENTAL AGENCY!

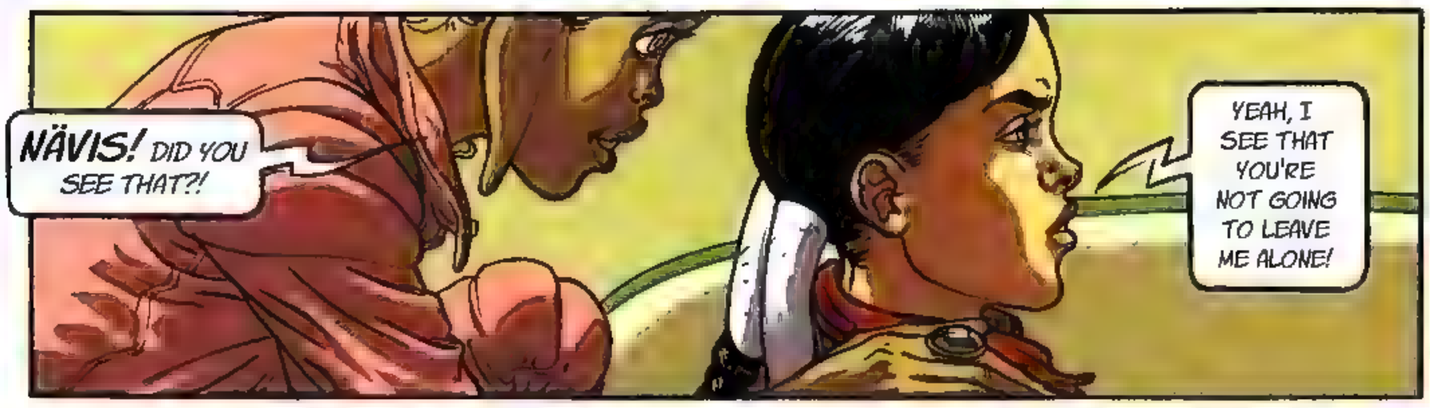
THE DISCUSSION IS CLOSED!

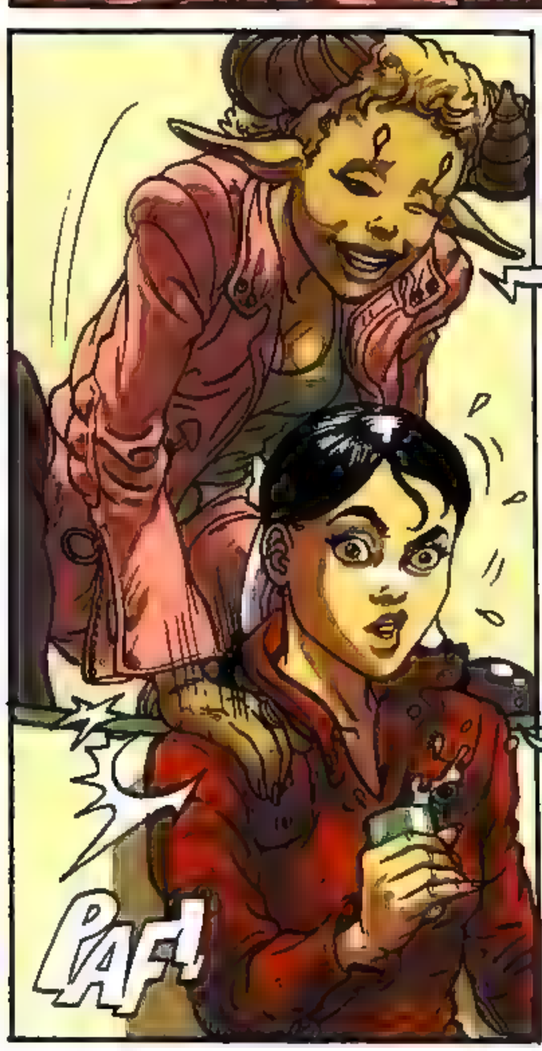

BZZZ

HEY! HELLO!
PFFF!

PFUI! YOU'RE REALLY GRUMPY!

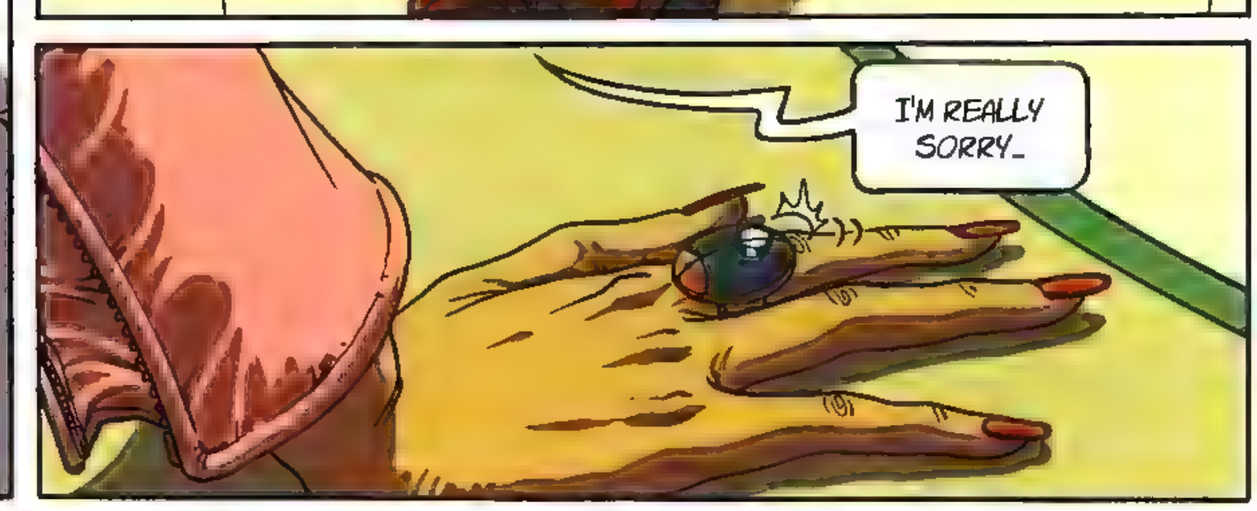
THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO TELL YOU, IT'S SET WE'RE ON THE SAME COURSE FOR THE SEMI-FINAL!

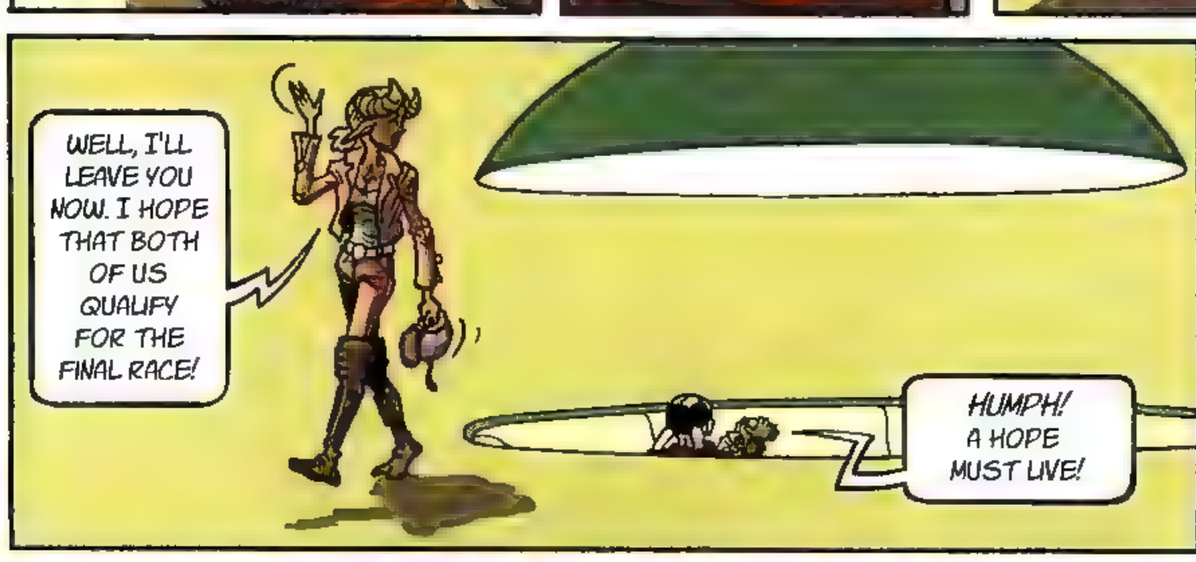

NÄVIS! DID YOU SEE THAT?!
YEAH, I SEE THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LEAVE ME ALONE!

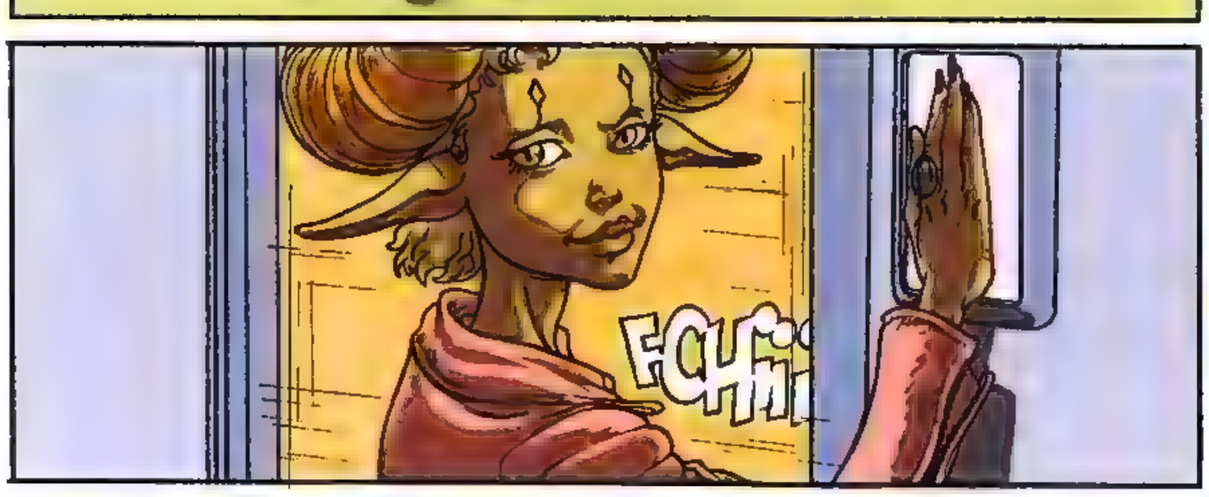

I'M SO HAPPY!
PAF!

OUCH!

HEY! CONTROL YOUR JOY!
OH...


I'M REALLY SORRY...


WELL, I'LL LEAVE YOU NOW. I HOPE THAT BOTH OF US QUALIFY FOR THE FINAL RACE!
HUMPH! A HOPE MUST LIVE!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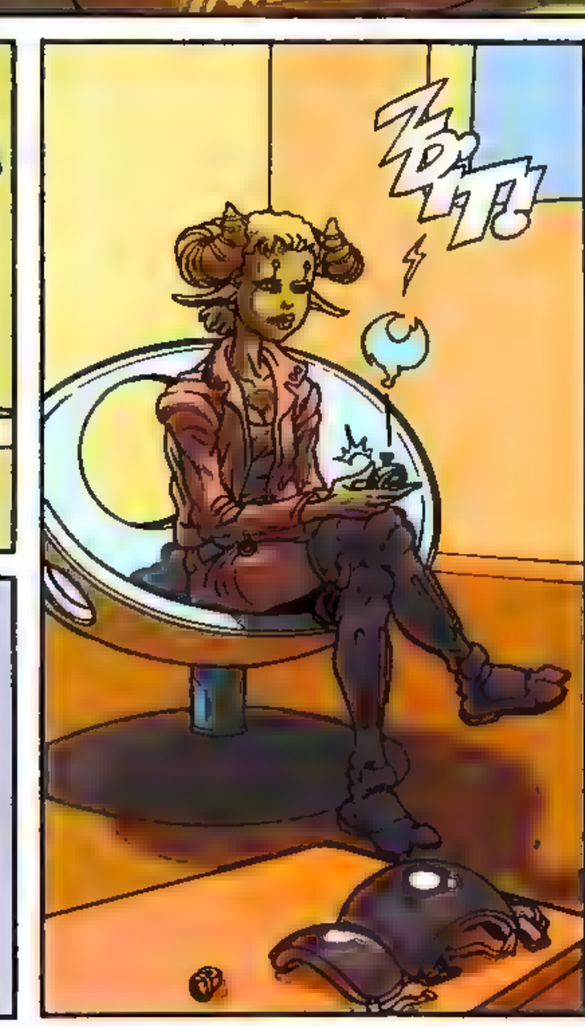
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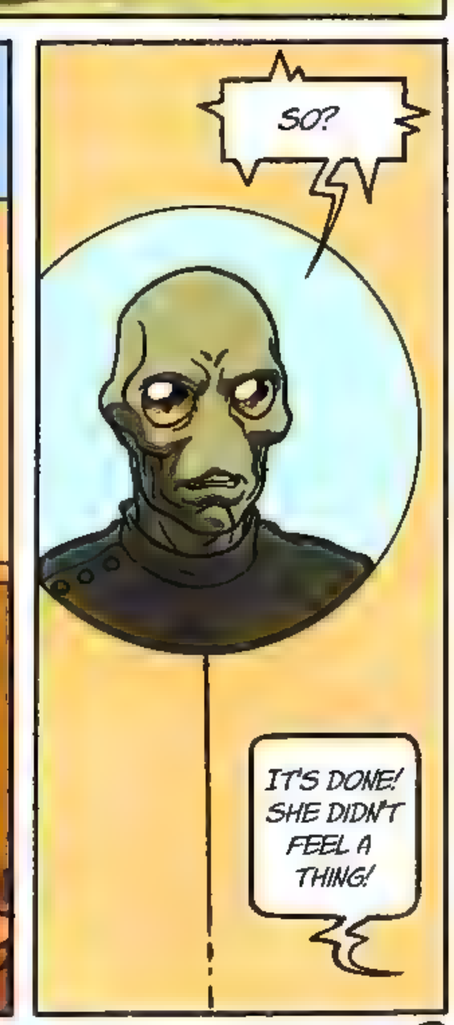
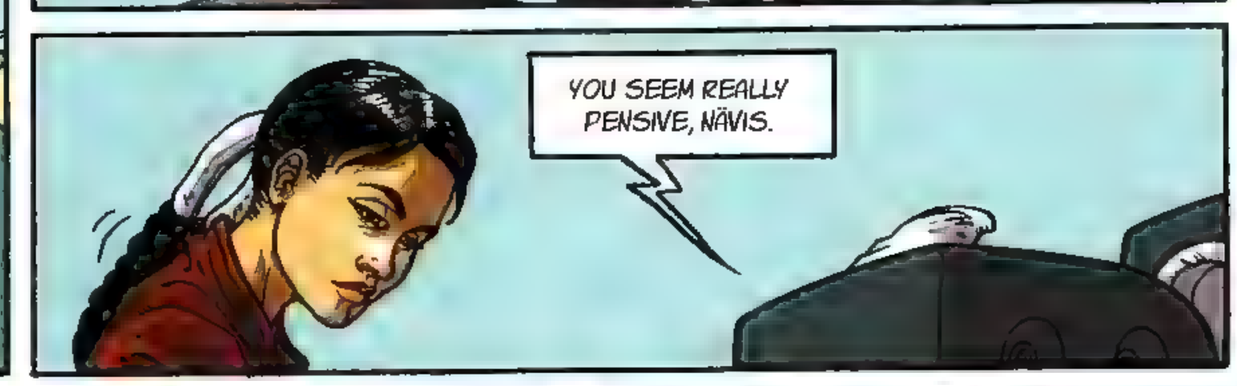

SO?
IT'S DONE! SHE DIDN'T FEEL A THING!


YOU SEEM REALLY PENSIVE, NÄVIS.

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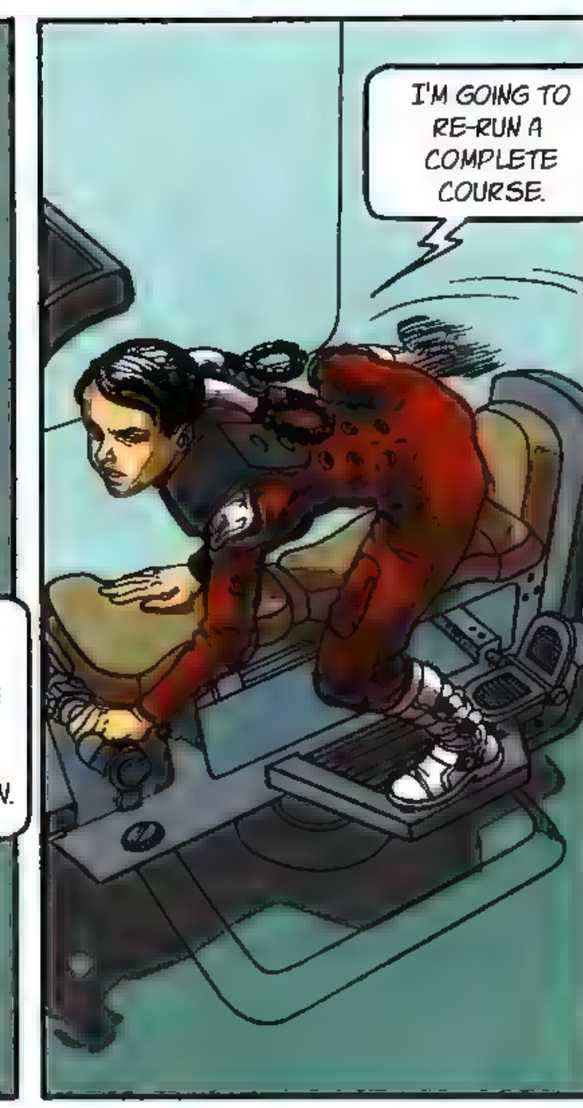
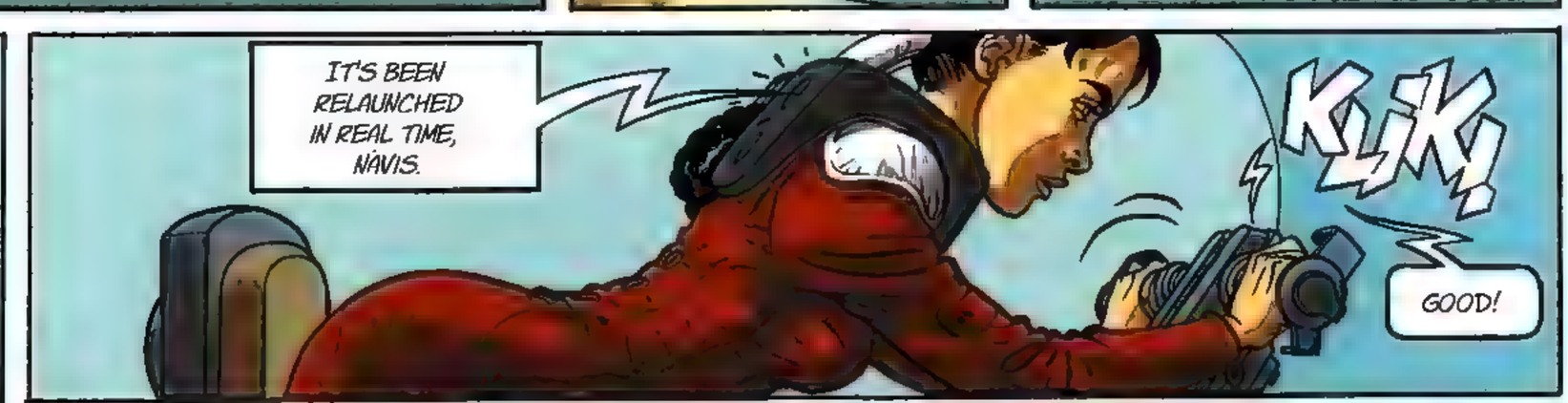
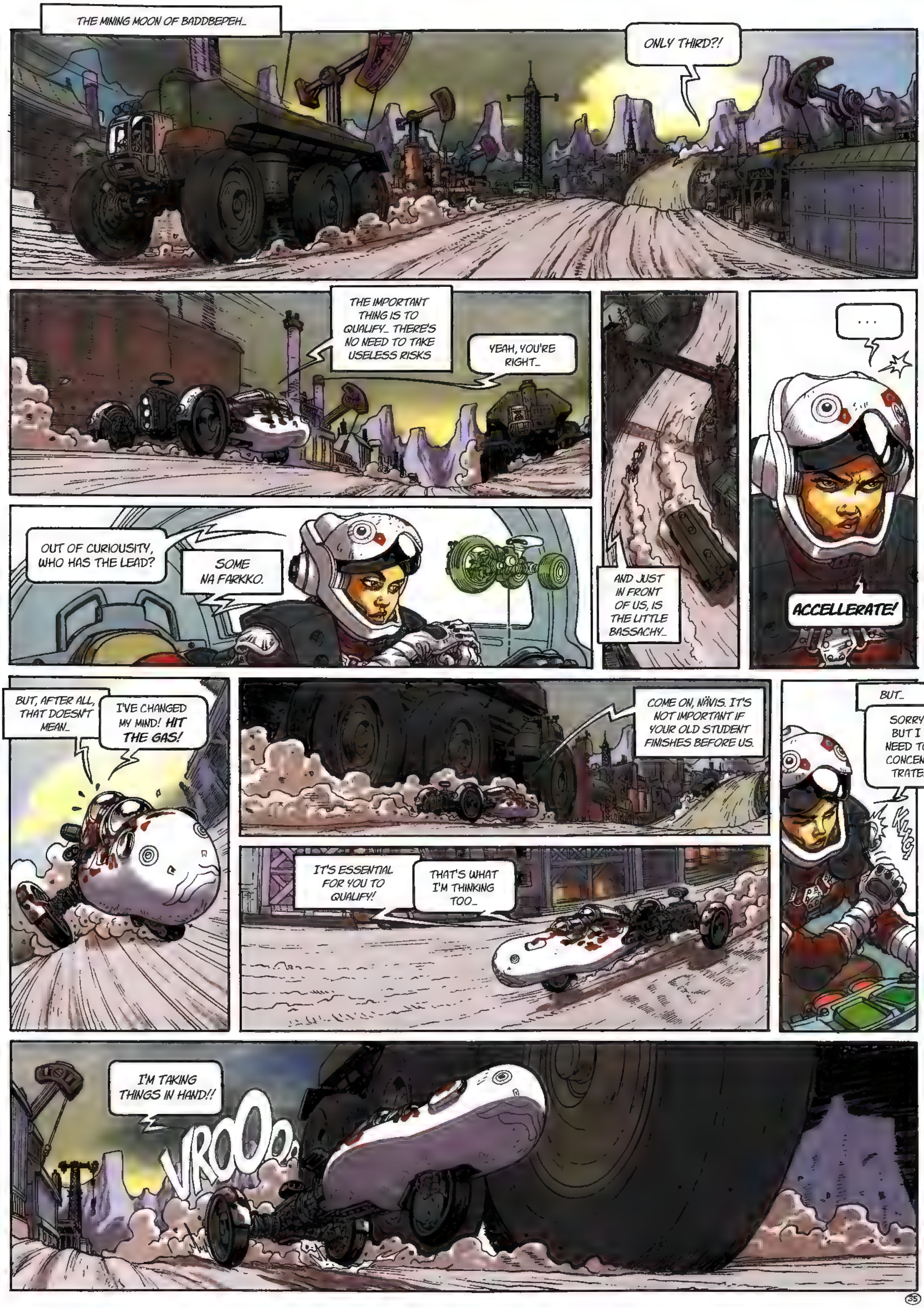
NO...
AFTER ALL... I CAN'T STOP THINKING OF THE WARRIOR THAT I SAW IN ATSUKAU'S WEIRD HOUSE...
ALL OF THIS IS SO BIZARRE...

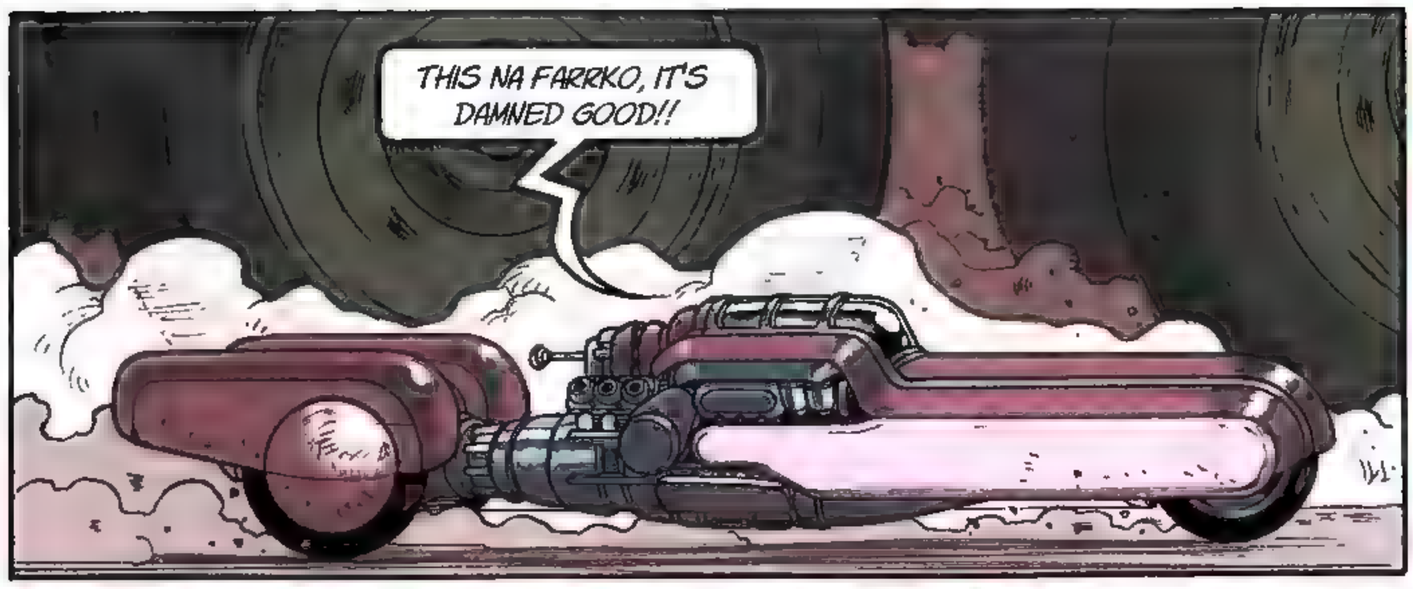
WELL, IT'S NOT THE TIME TO LET MYSELF BE BEATEN.

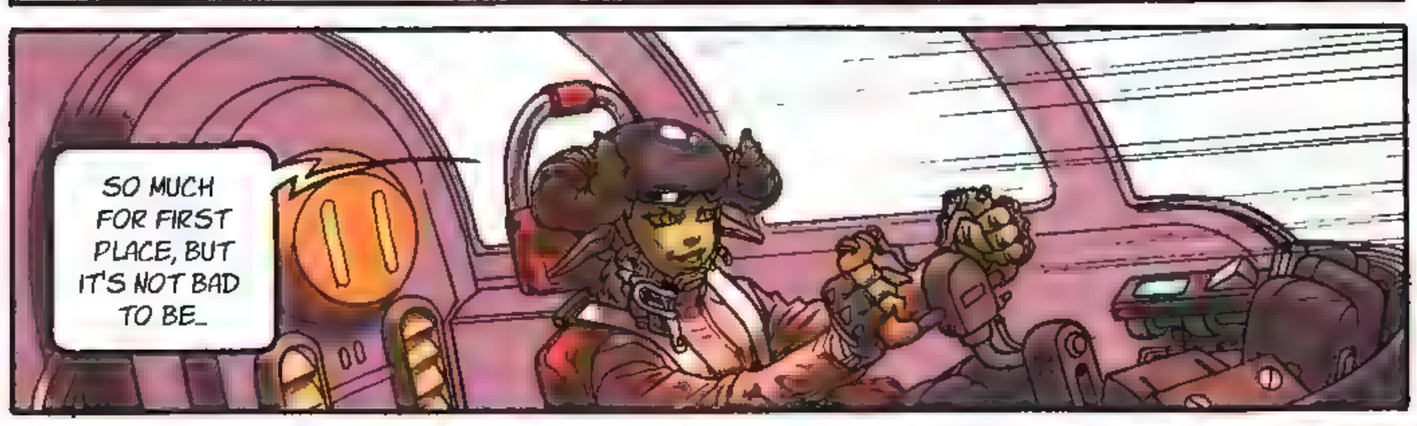

I'M GOING TO RE-RUN A COMPLETE COURSE.

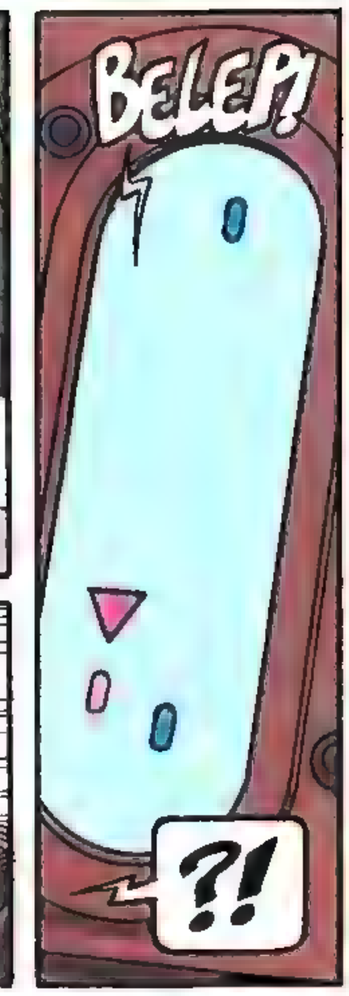
I HOPE THAT THE SIMULATION IS UP TO DATE.


IT'S BEEN RELAUNCHED IN REAL TIME, NÄVIS.
KLIK!
GOOD!


THE MINING MOON OF BADDBEPEH_
ONLY THIRD?!
THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO QUALIFY_ THERE'S NO NEED TO TAKE USELESS RISKS
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT_
OUT OF CURIOUSITY, WHO HAS THE LEAD?
SOME NA FARKKO.
AND JUST IN FRONT OF US, IS THE LITTLE BASSACHY_
...
ACCELLERATE!
BUT, AFTER ALL, THAT DOESN'T MEAN_
I'VE CHANGED MY MIND! HIT THE GAS!
COME ON, NÄVIS. IT'S NOT IMPORTANT IF YOUR OLD STUDENT FINISHES BEFORE US.
IT'S ESSENTIAL FOR YOU TO QUALIFY!
THAT'S WHAT I'M THINKING TOO_
BUT_
SORRY, BUT I NEED TO CONCEN-TRATE.
KZZG
I'M TAKING THINGS IN HAND!!
VROOO


THIS NA FARRKO, IT'S DAMNED GOOD!!


SO MUCH FOR FIRST PLACE, BUT IT'S NOT BAD TO BE_


BELEP!
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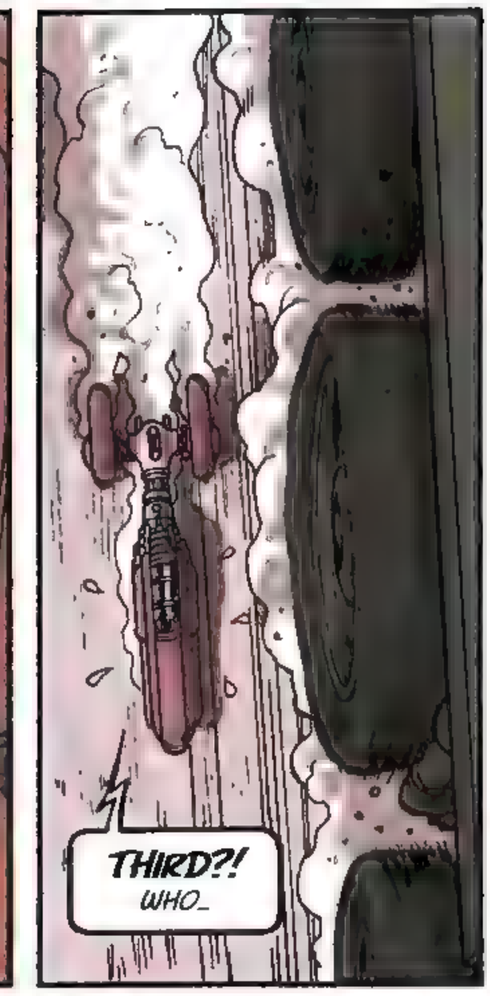
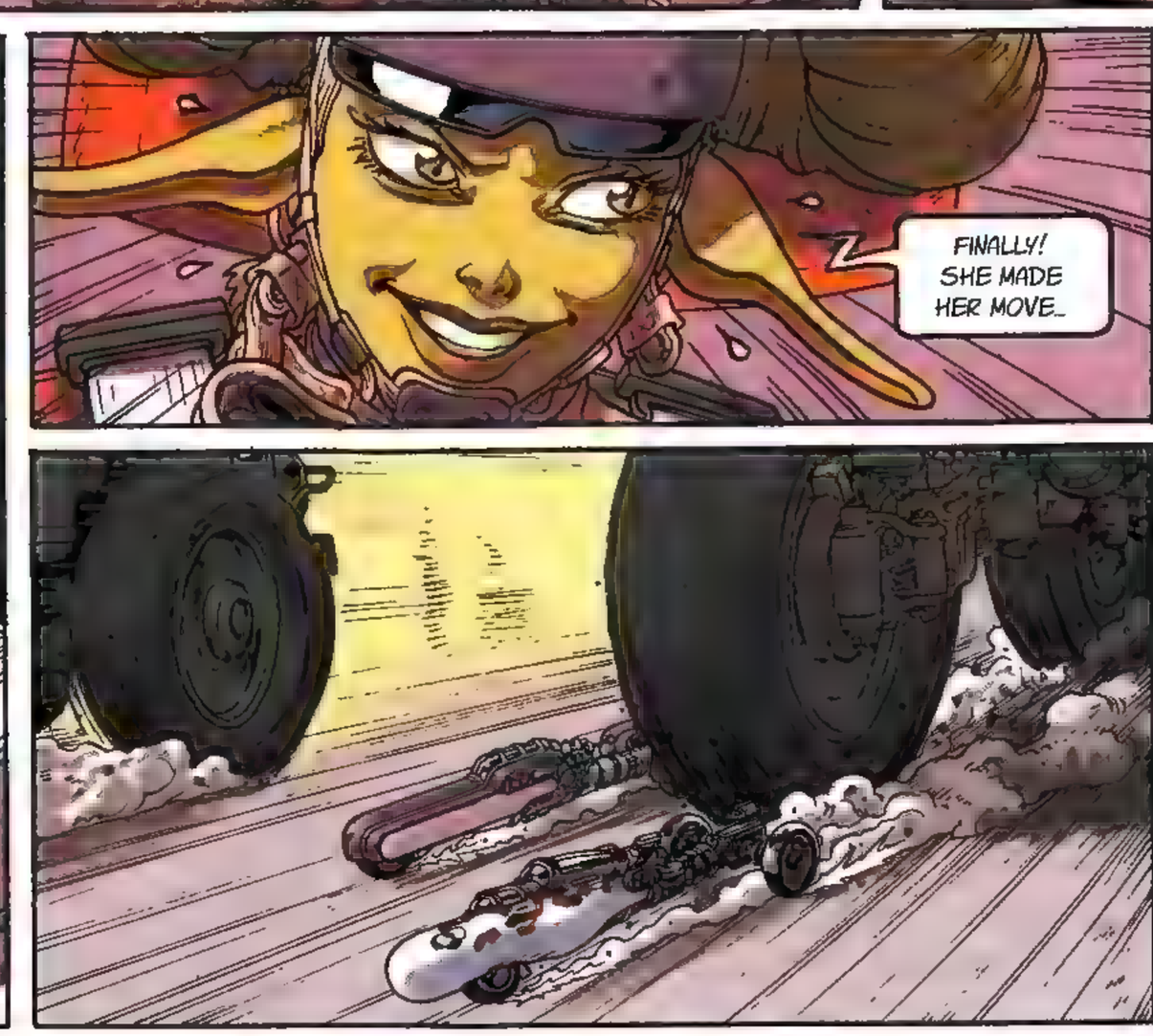
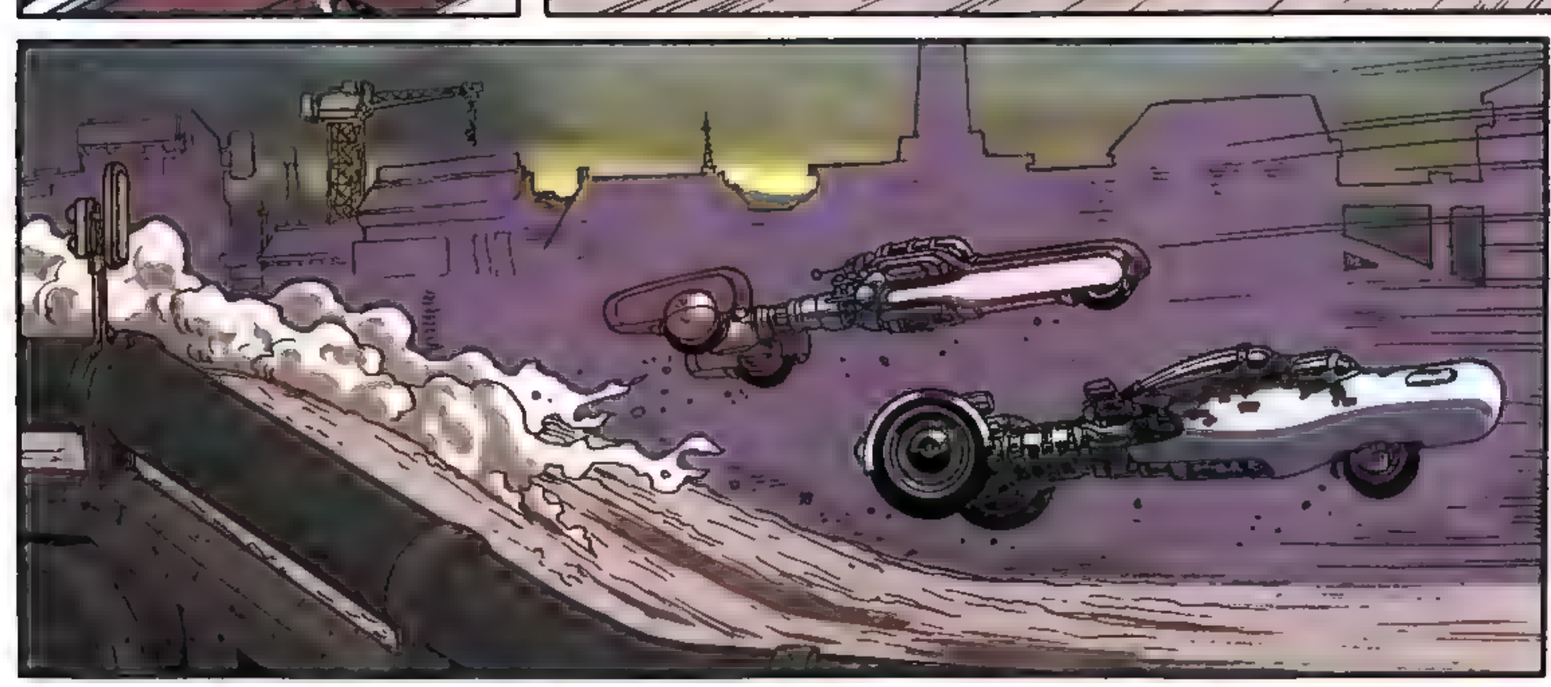
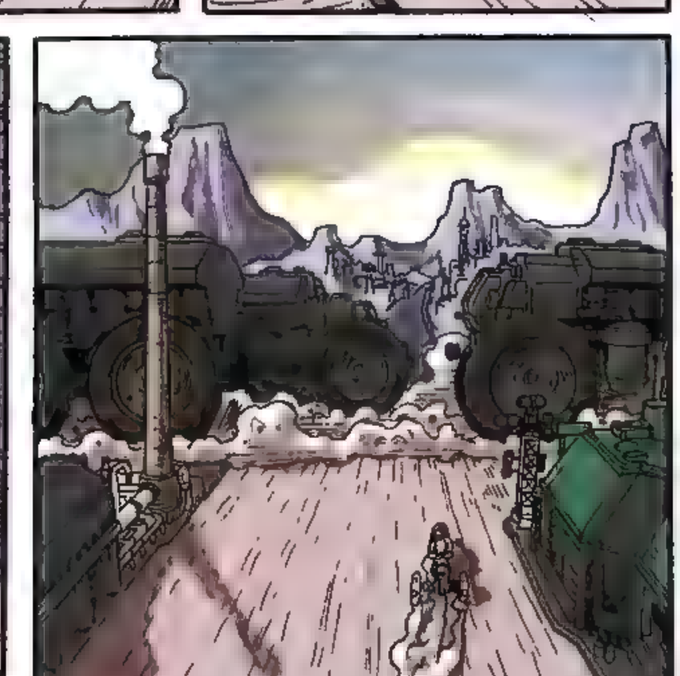
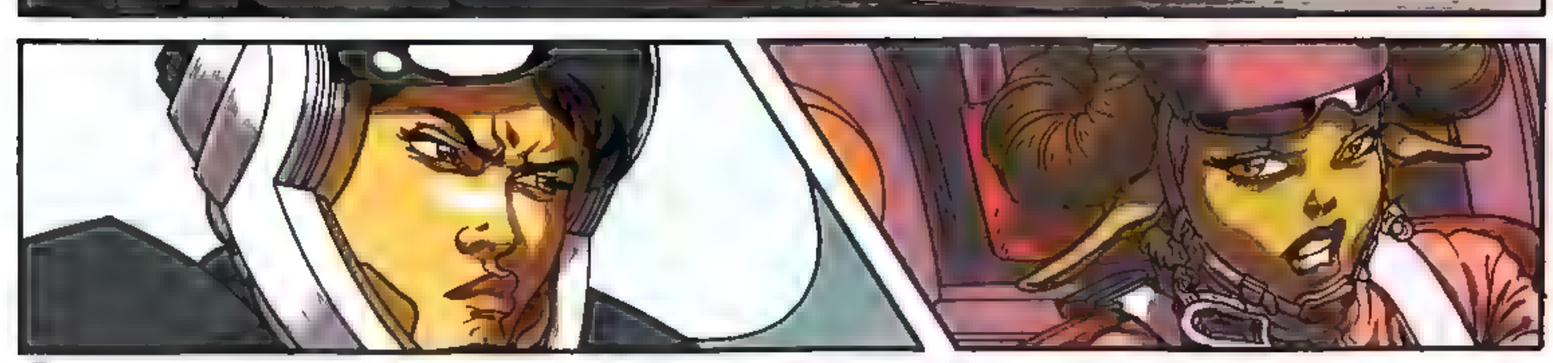

THIRD?! WHO_

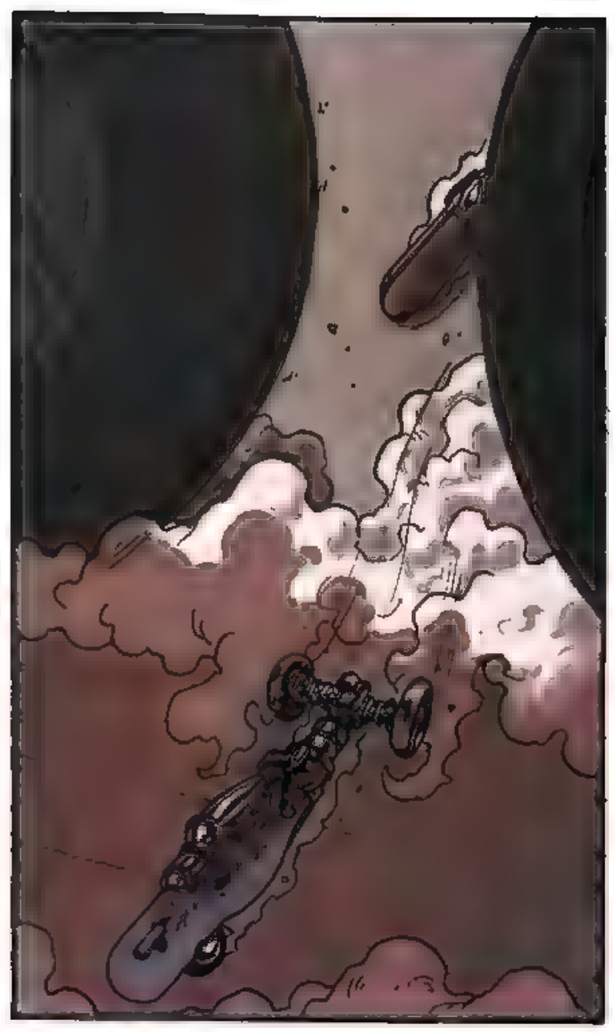
ROAD HOG!

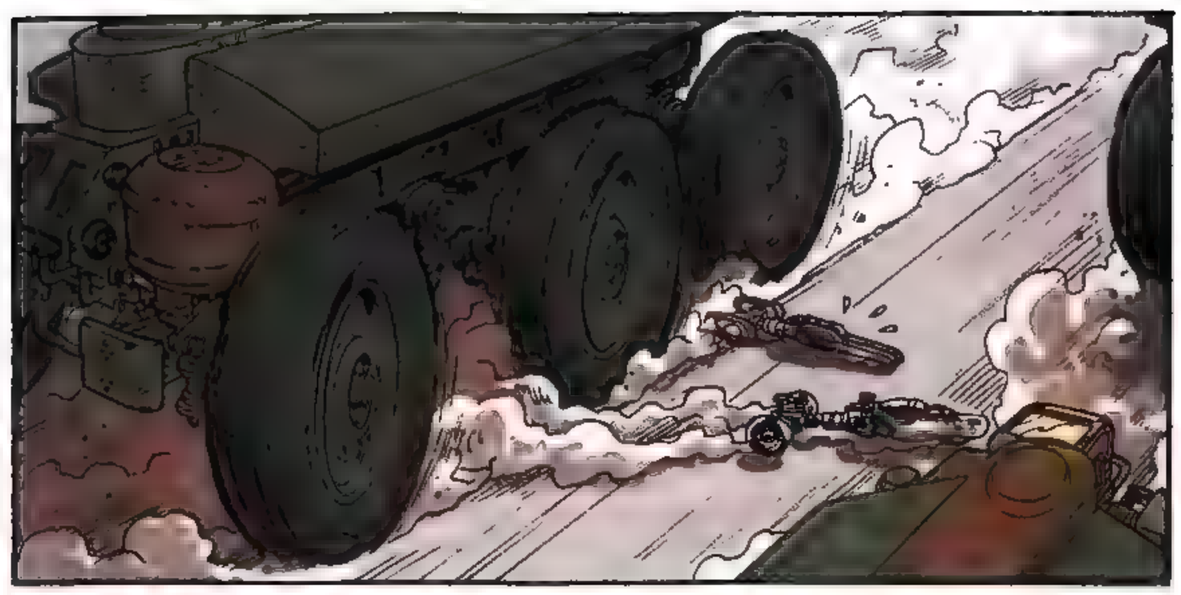

FINALLY! SHE MADE HER MOVE_

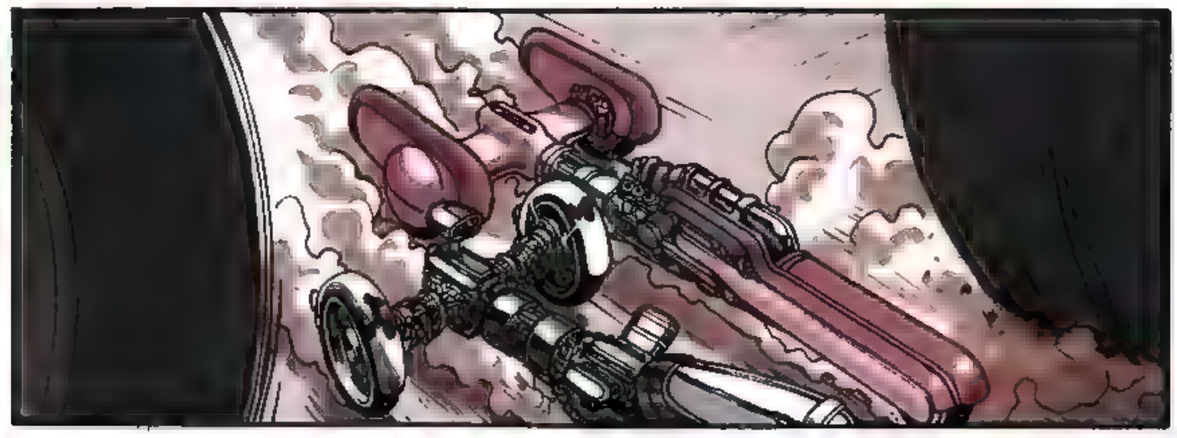


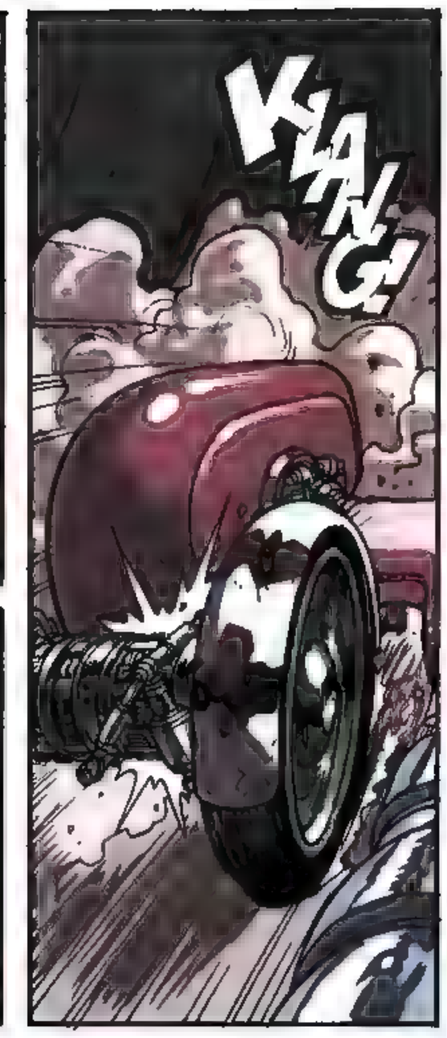


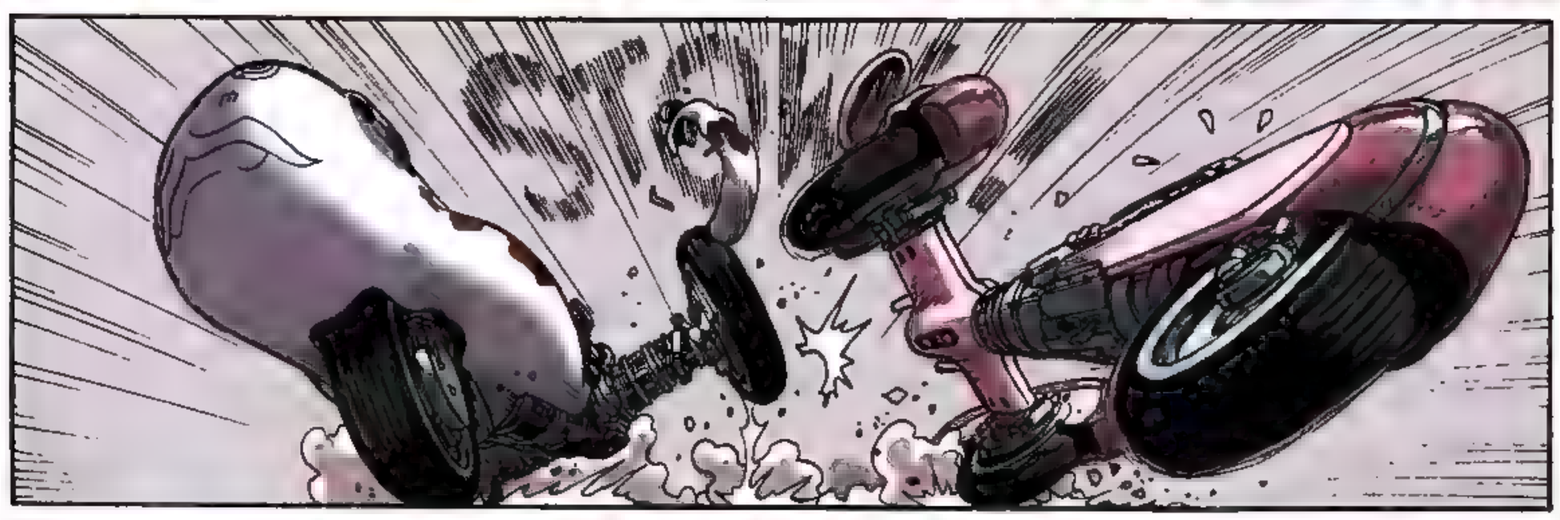


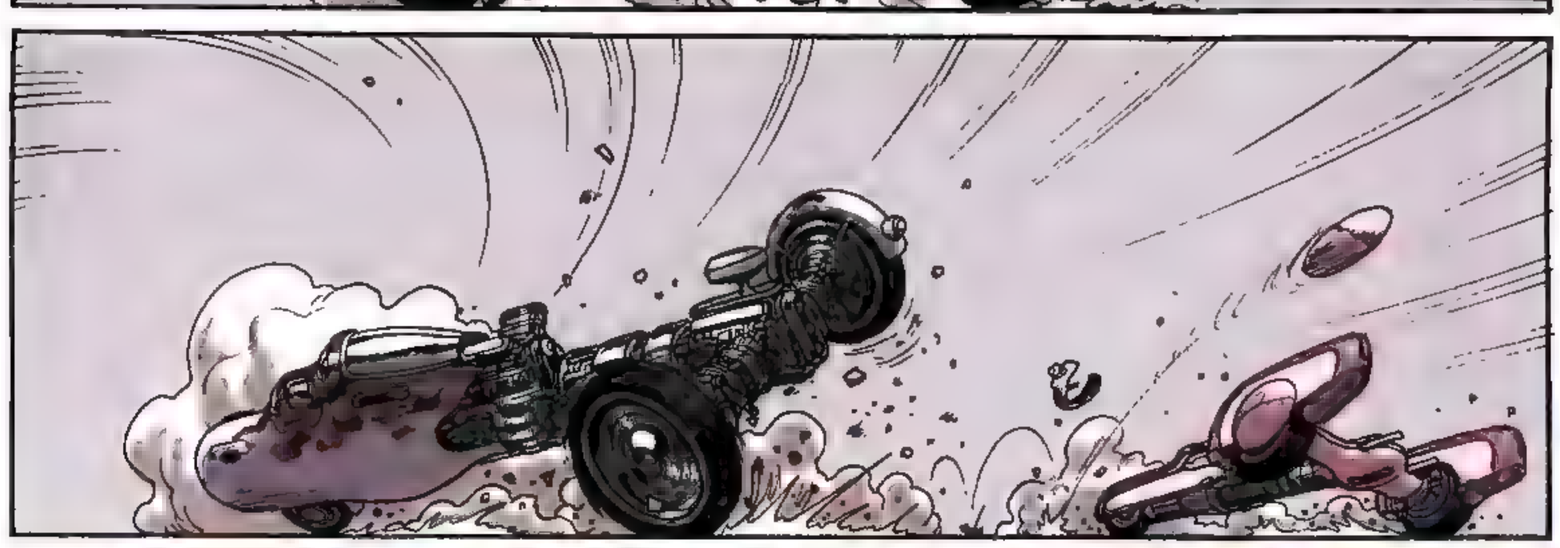


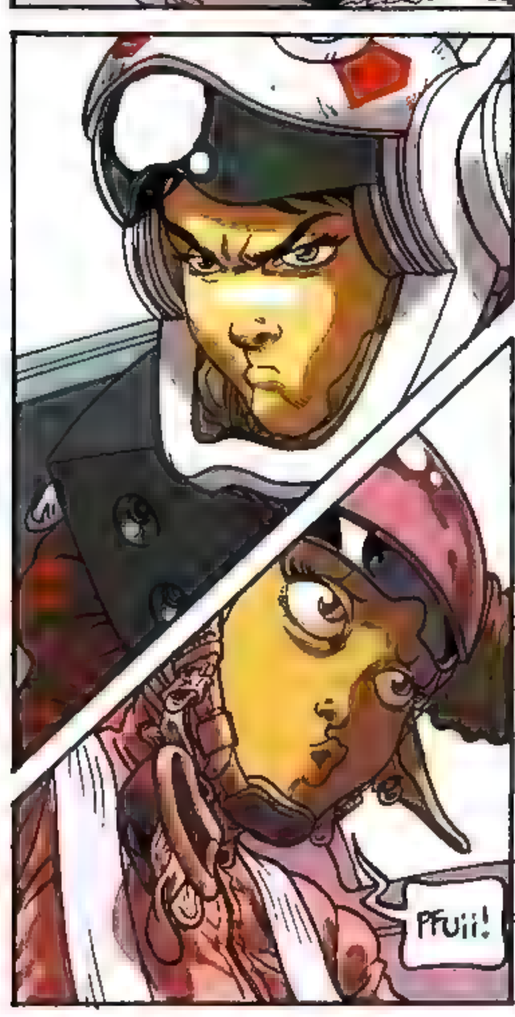


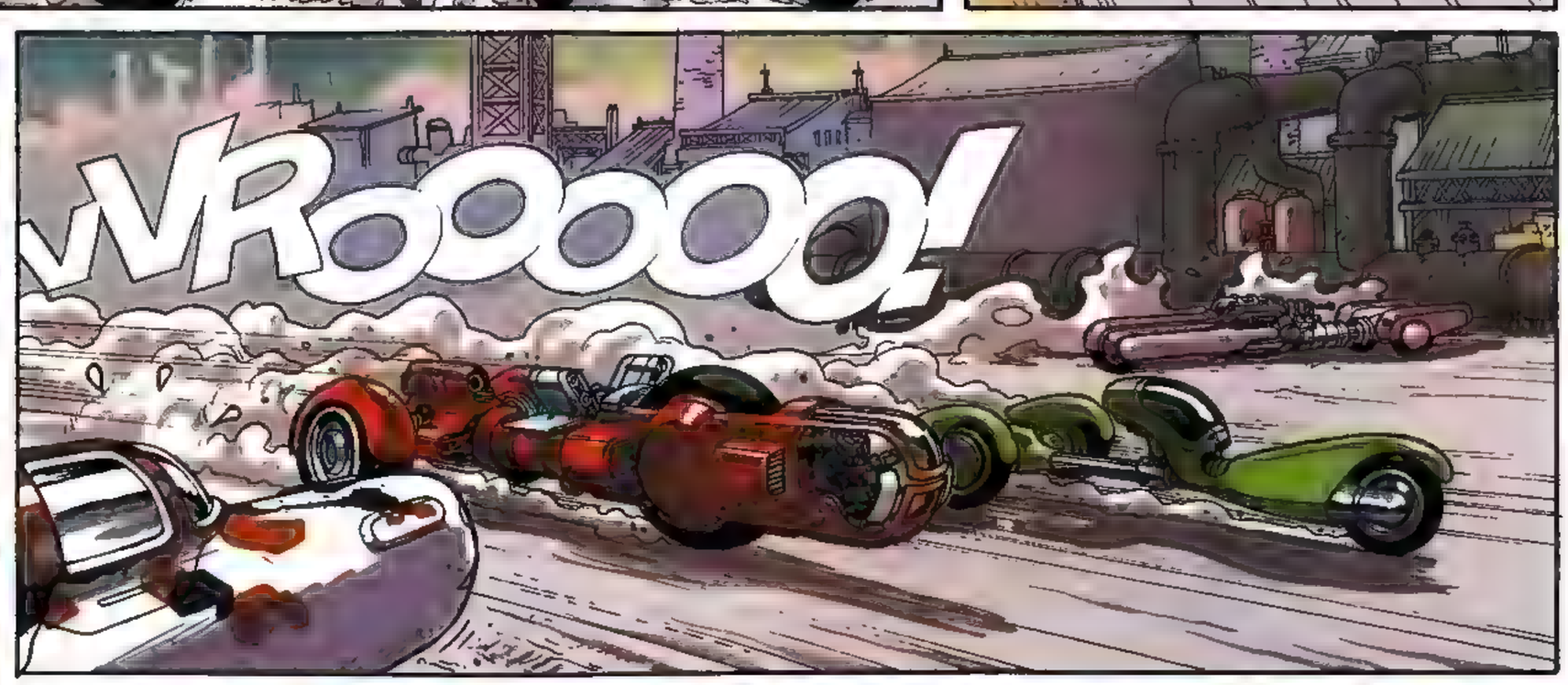



KLANG!

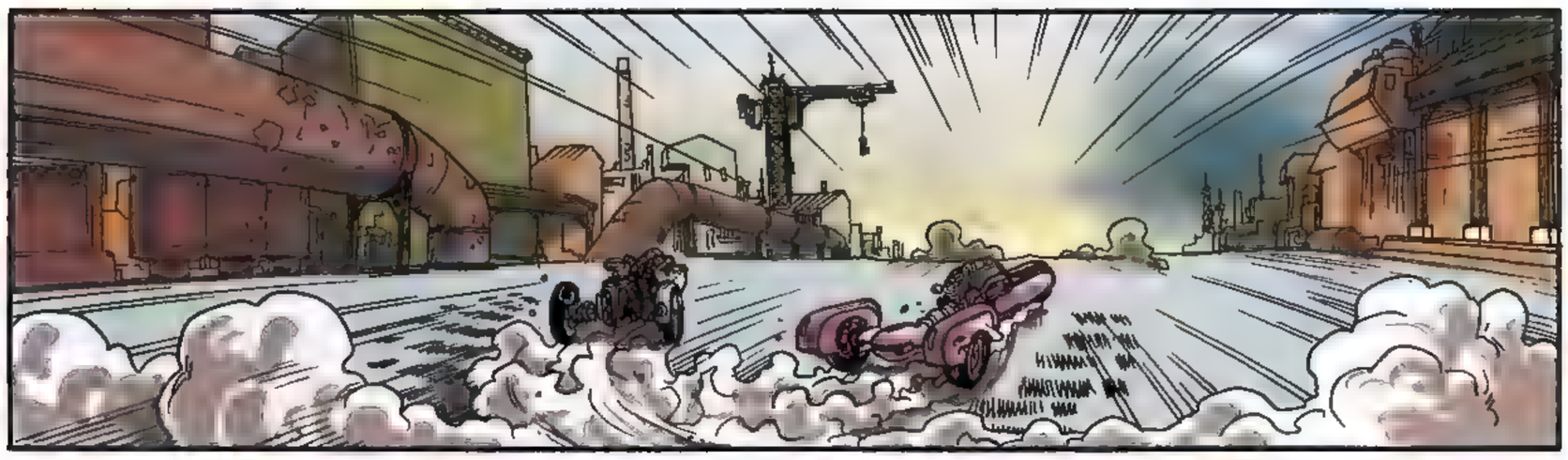


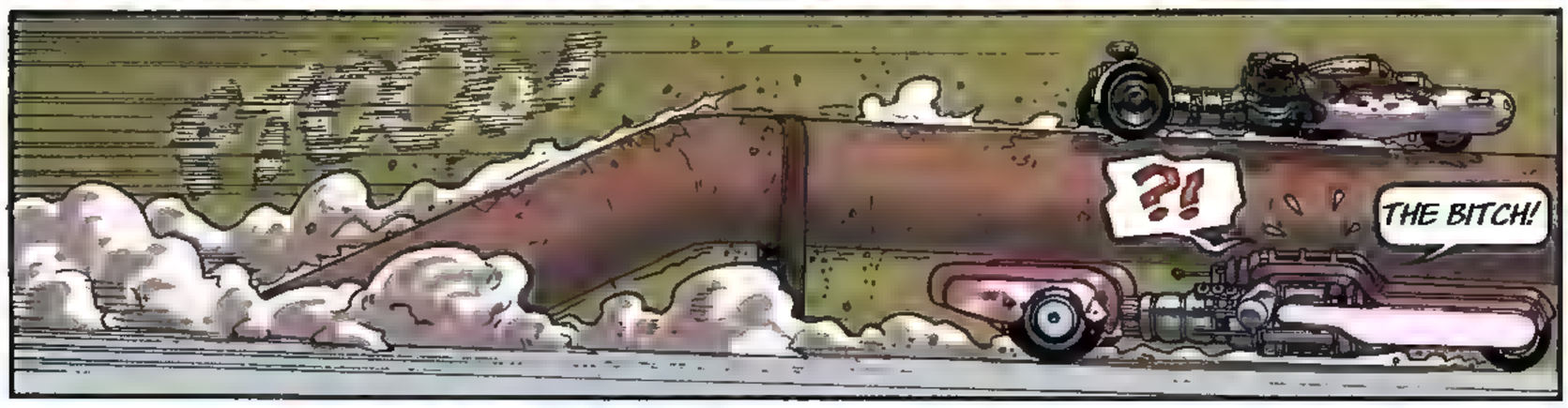



PFuii!


VROOOOO!

NÄVIS!
RECONNECT WITH ME!
SHUT UP!

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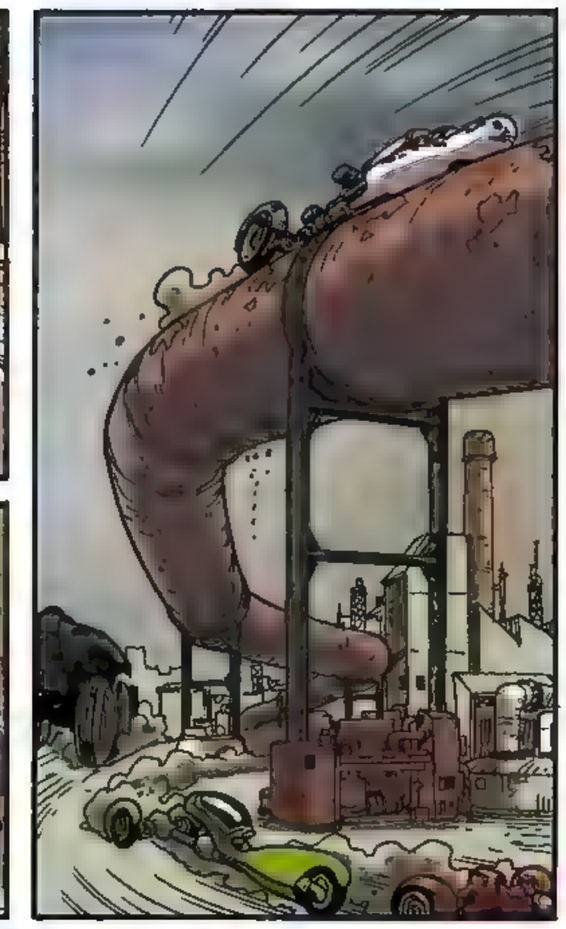
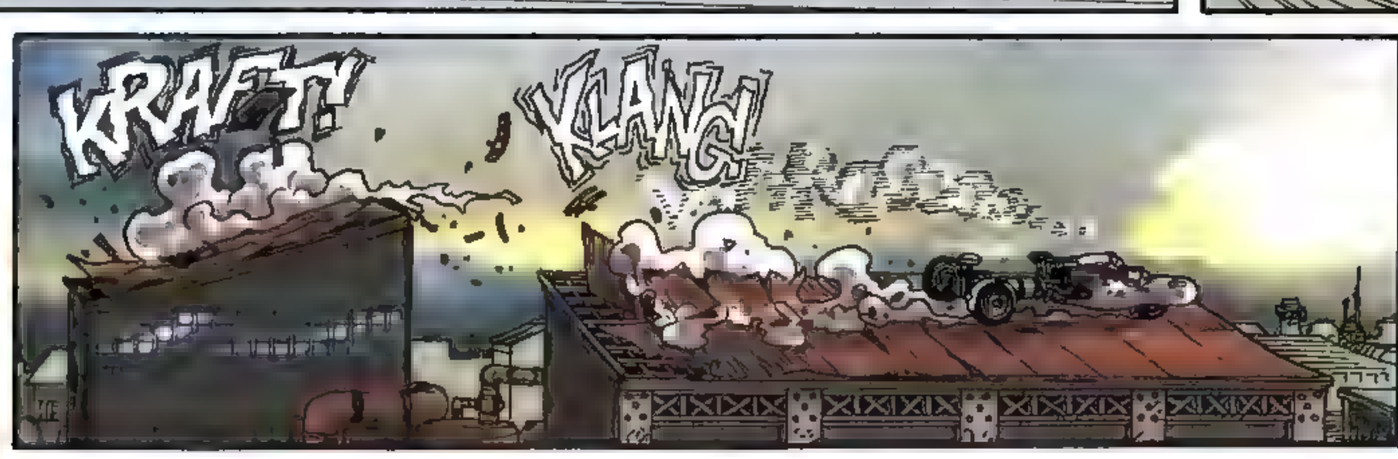
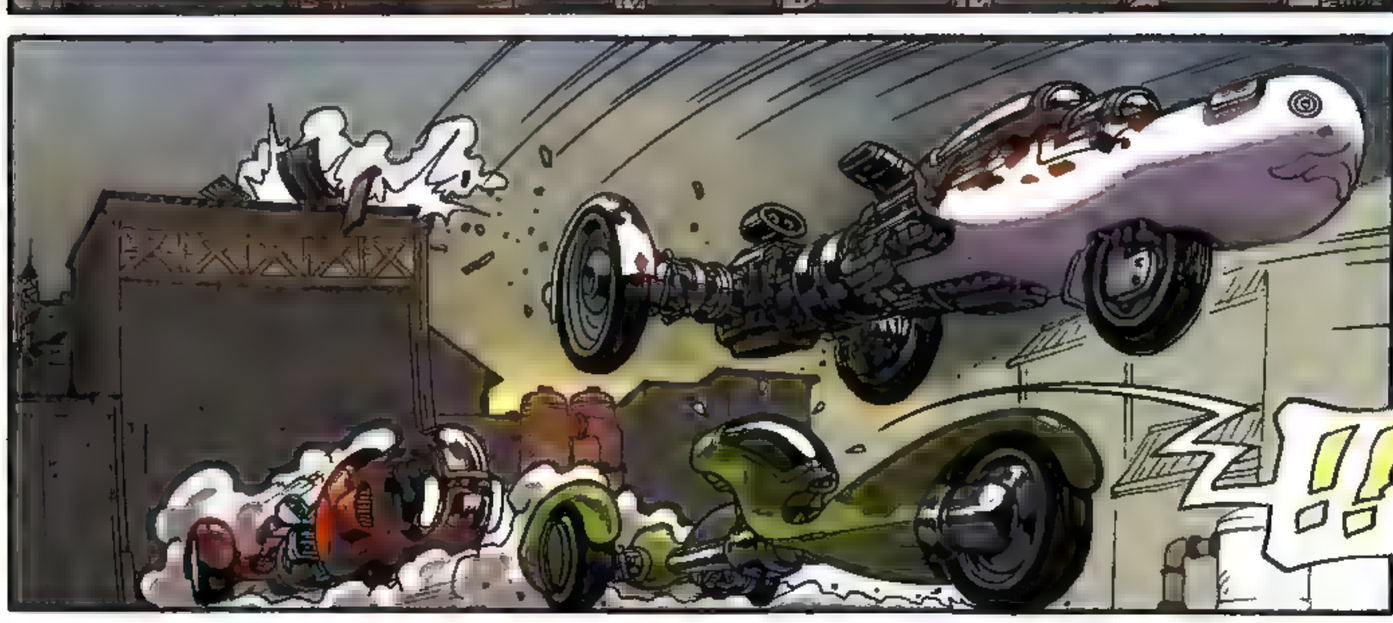
THE BITCH!




KRAFT!
KLANG!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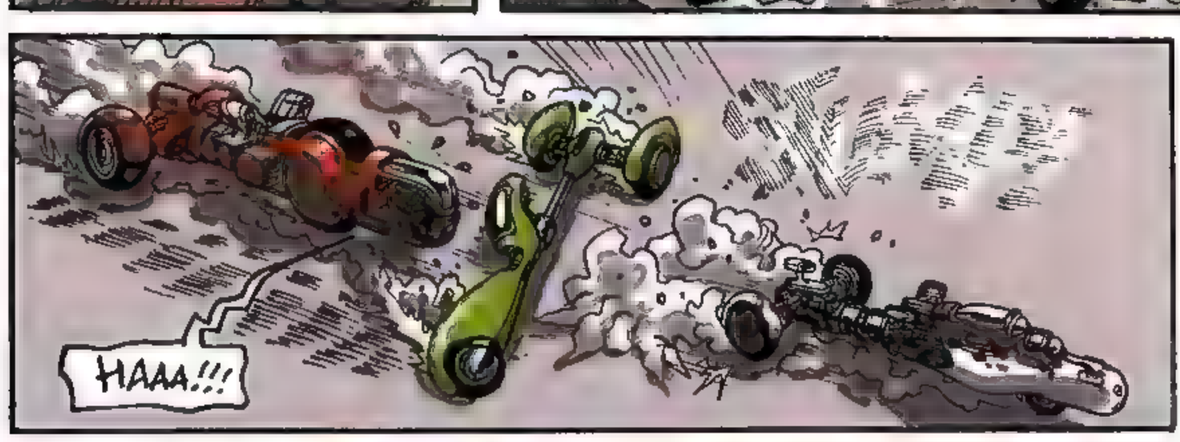
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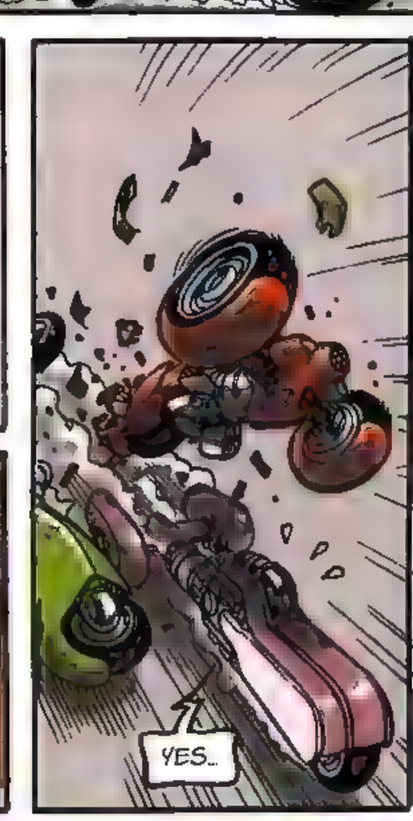
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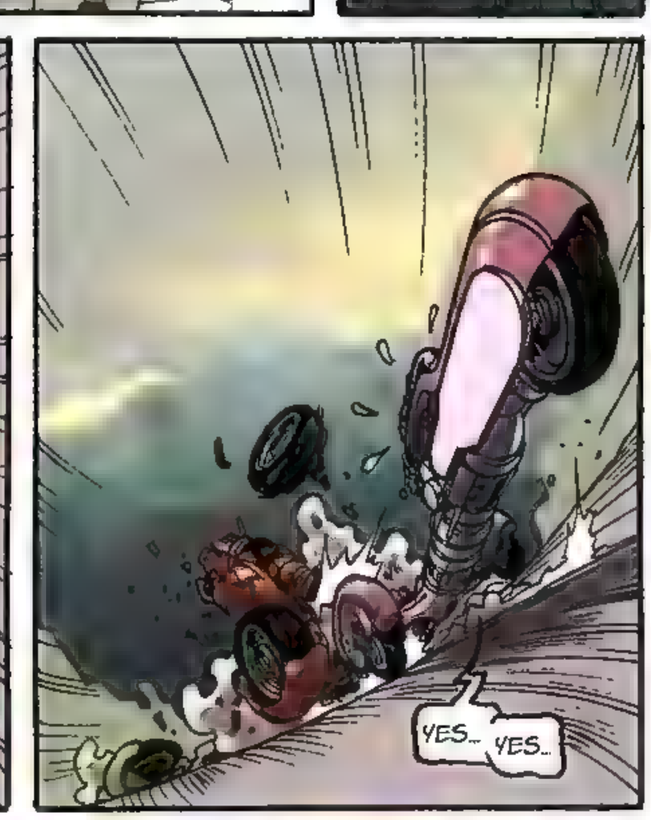
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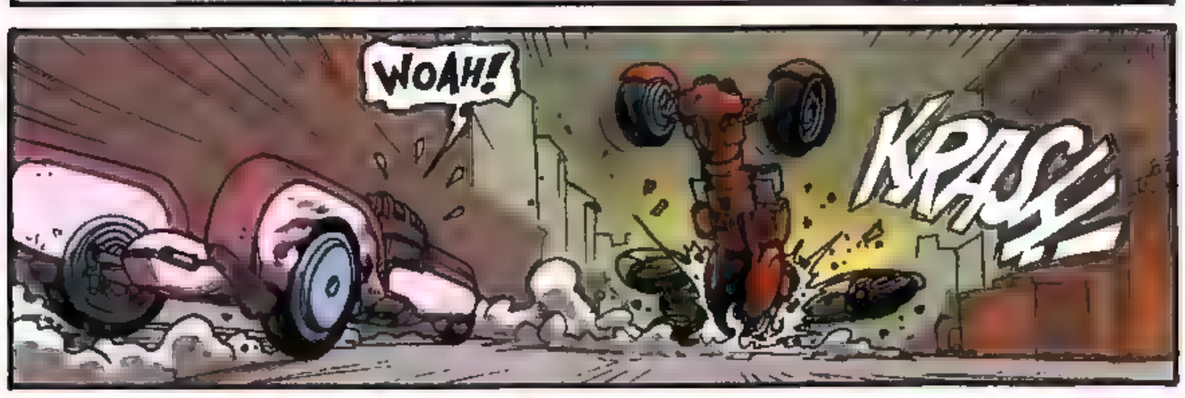
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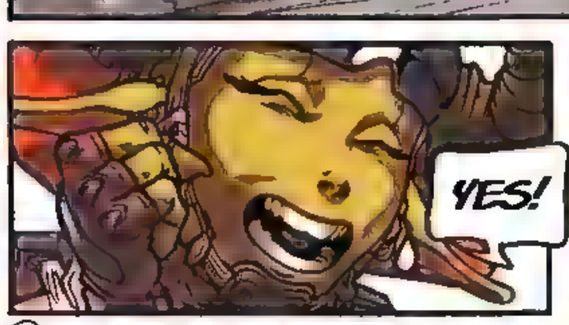
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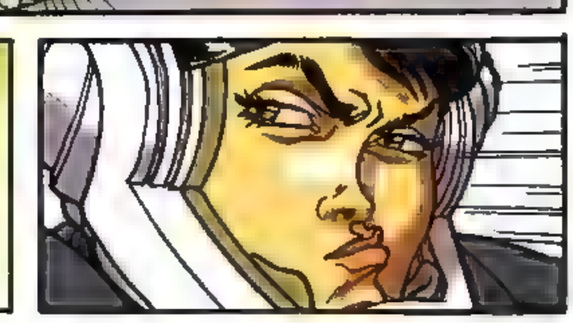


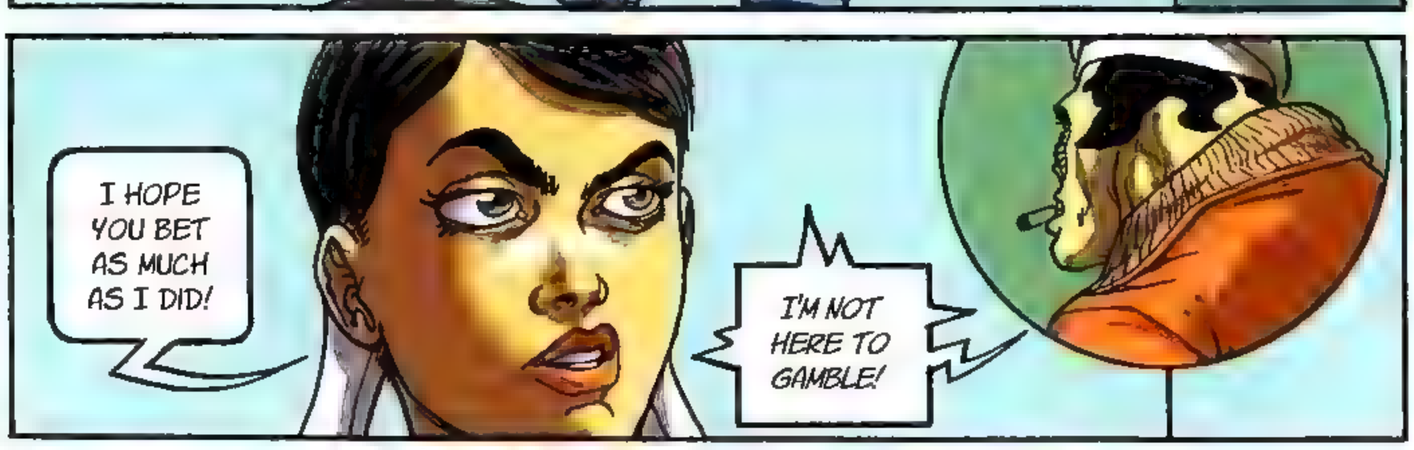
NÄVIS!!

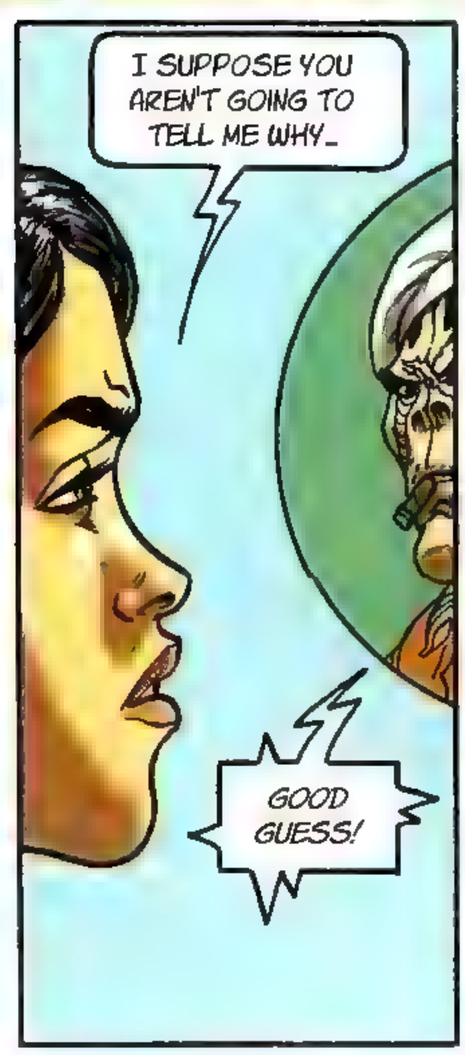
HEY! THANKS FOR EVERY-THING!
THANKS FOR WHAT?

UH... WELL... UH... FOR HAVING HELPED ME TO QUALIFY?
ME, I DID THAT? WELL, I HADN'T PLANNED ON DOING THAT!

CALL IT THE THE LUCK OF THE COURSE.

WELL?
LIKE IT'S ROLLING ON CASTERS!

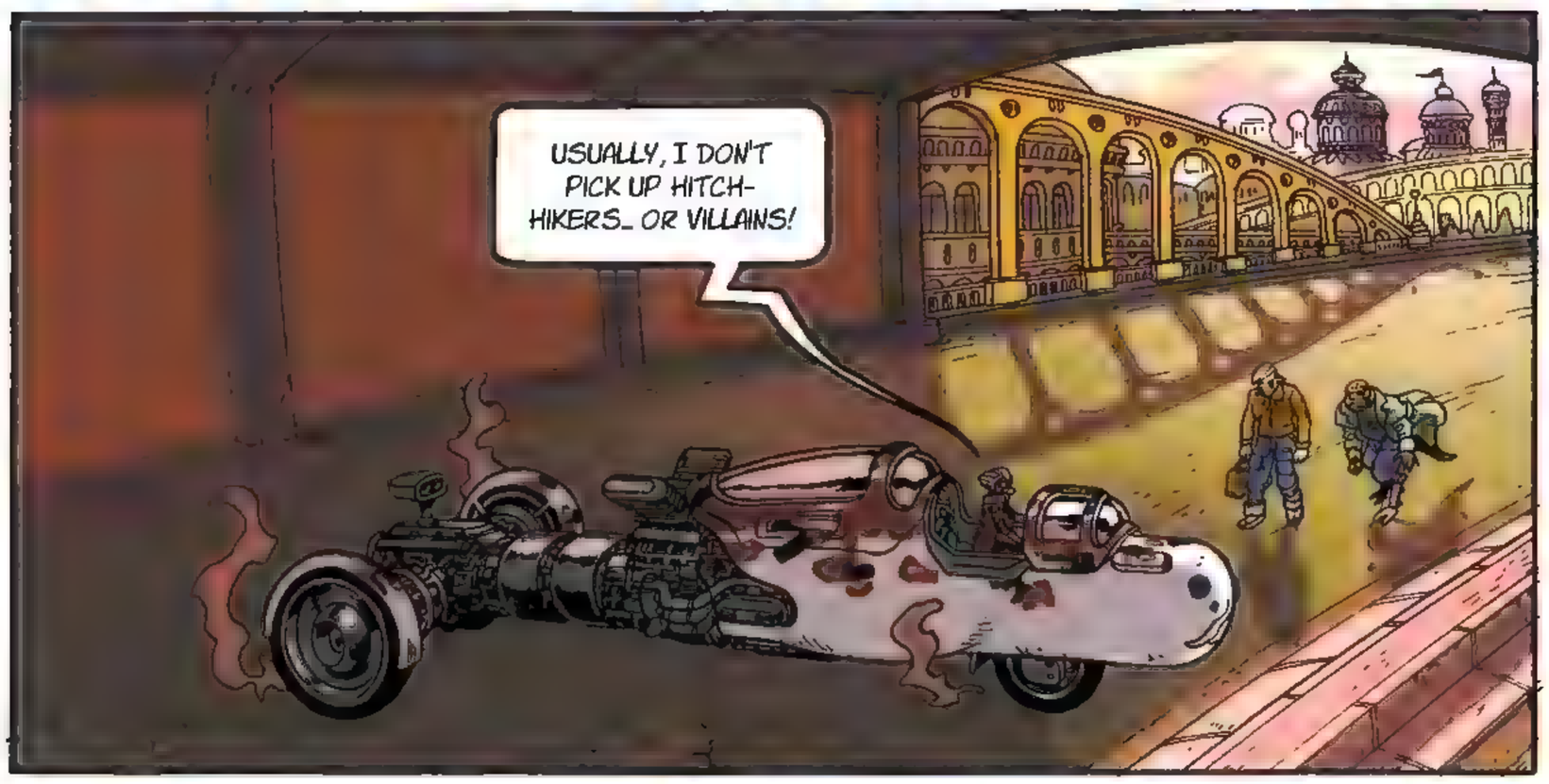

I HOPE YOU BET AS MUCH AS I DID!
I'M NOT HERE TO GAMBLE!


I SUPPOSE YOU AREN'T GOING TO TELL ME WHY...
GOOD GUESS!

BUT, AS REVENGE, I'LL TELL YOU WHERE TO STOP, JUST SHORT OF THE FINISH LINE!
IF YOU EASE UP A BIT, I HAVE A CHANCE OF WINNING!...

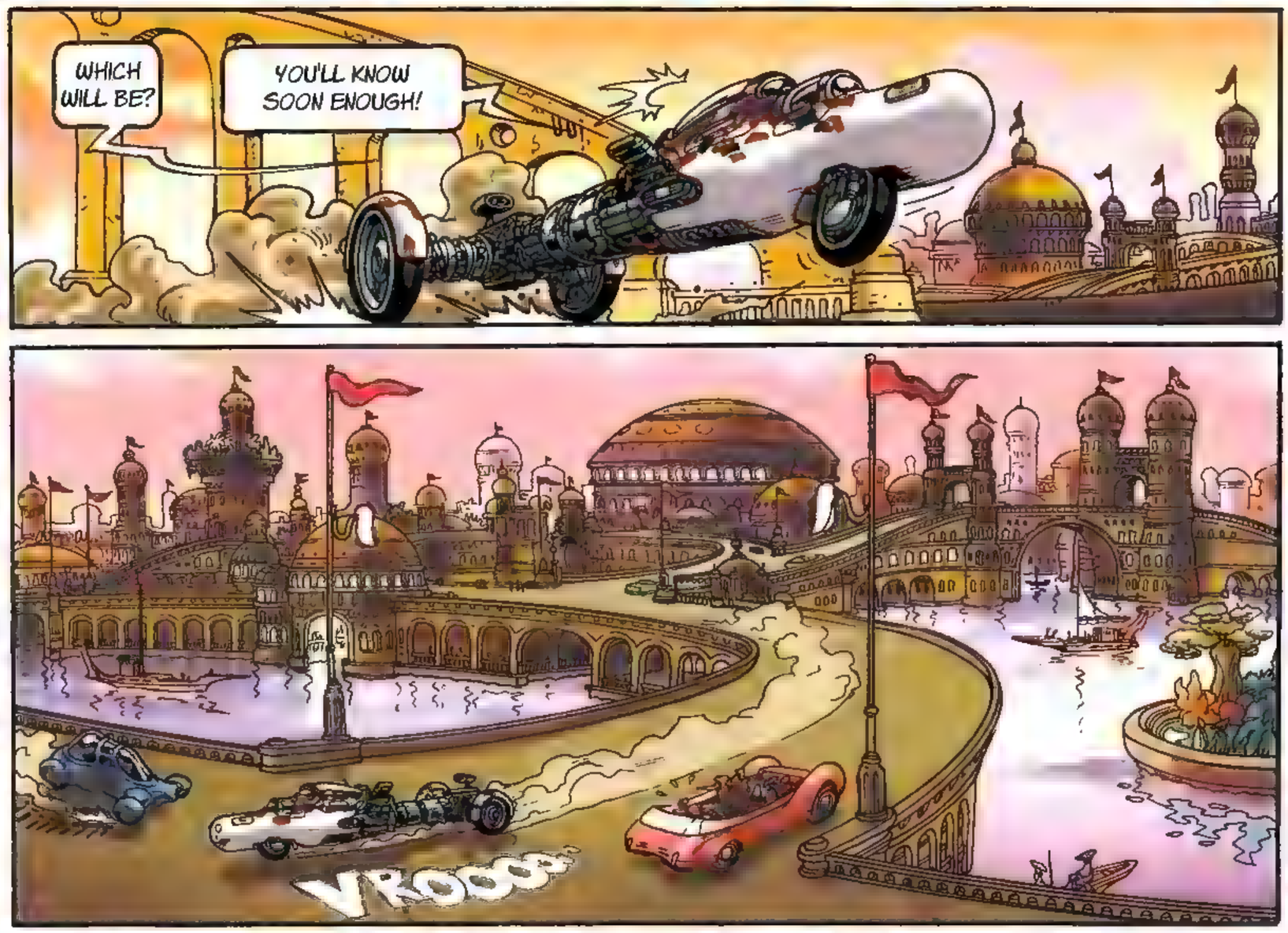
WITH ALL THAT YOU HAVE DEMANDED OF ME, IT WOULD BE A SHAME THAT JUST AT THE END FOR ME TO NOT...
YOU'RE BUSY! THAT DOESN'T MATTER ANY-MORE!

YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE US IN YOUR TRIKE! WE'LL TELL YOU WHERE TO DROP US OFF, AND TO PREVENT ANY DIRTY TRICKS, TWO OF MY MEN ARE KEEPING YOUR LAWYER COMPANY!
YOU'D DO WELL TO REMEMBER THE OLD SAYING, "A GOOD LAWYER, IS A DEAD LAWYER!"


USUALLY, I DON'T PICK UP HITCH-HIKERS... OR VILLAINS!

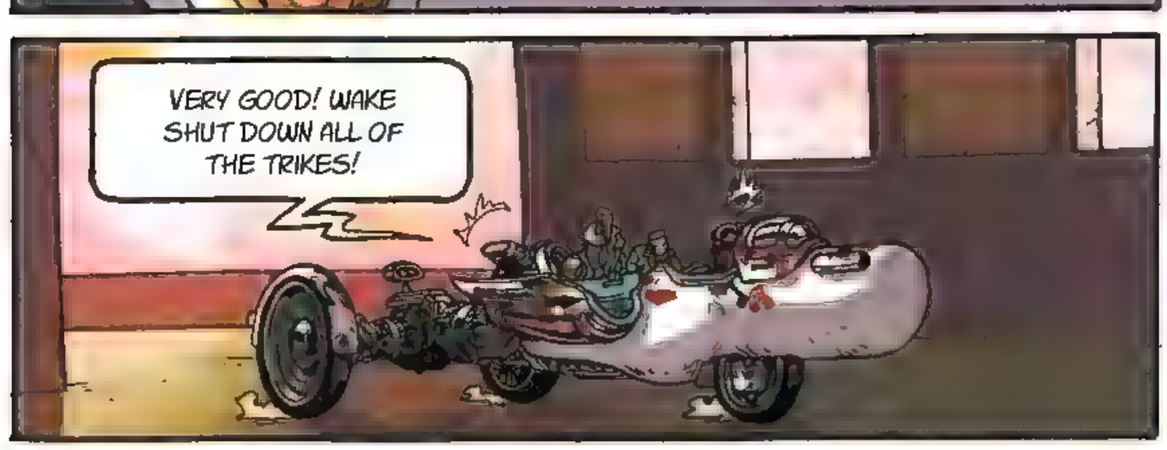
THAT'S TOO BAD FOR YOU!... WE'RE GOING TO CHANGE OUR FACES... BUT AFTER THIS OPERATION!

AND WHERE DO I DROP YOU OFF?
YOU CONTINUE TO RACE NORMALLY... UNTIL I GIVE YOU A SIGNAL.


WHICH WILL BE?
YOU'LL KNOW SOON ENOUGH!
VROOO

?!

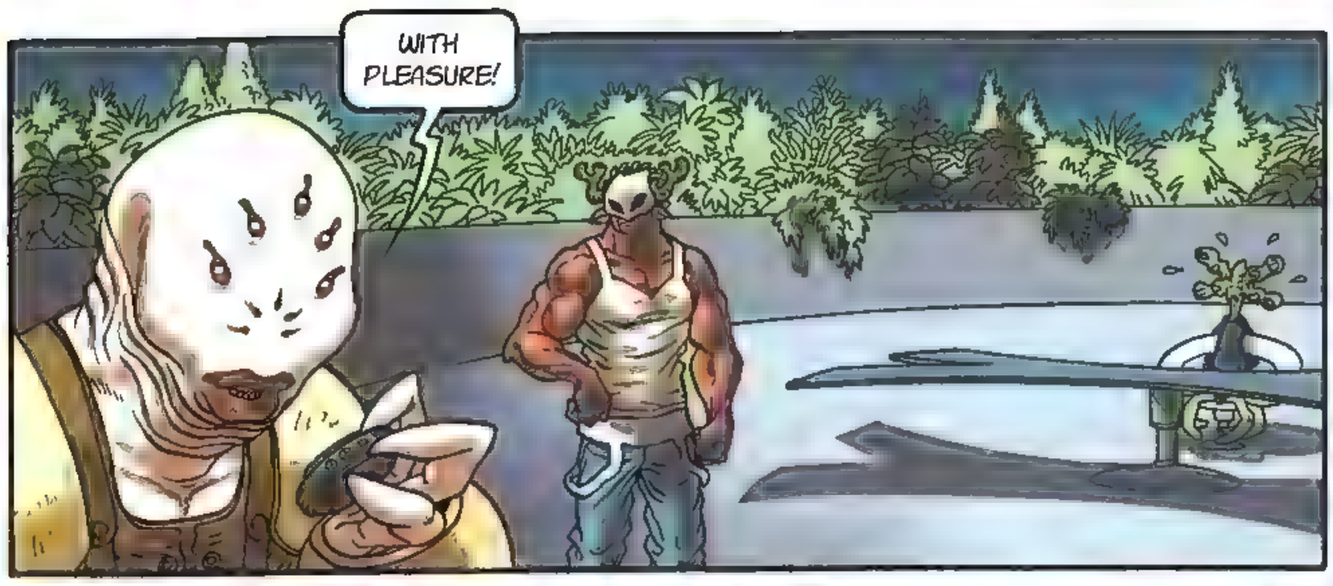
WE HAVE NO ENERGY !!

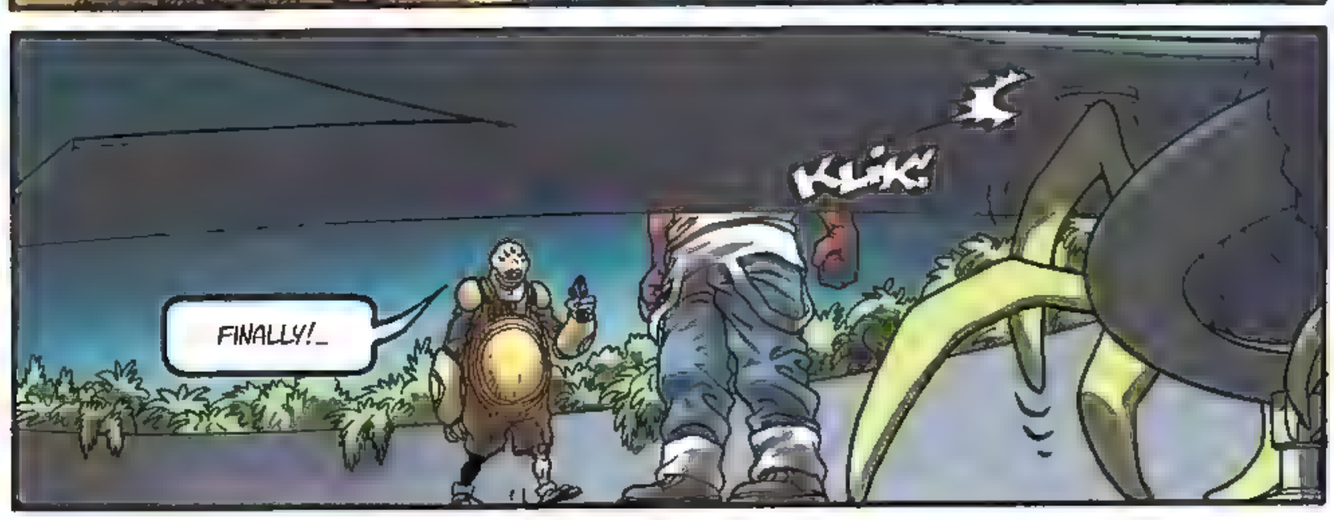

VERY GOOD! WAKE SHUT DOWN ALL OF THE TRIKES!

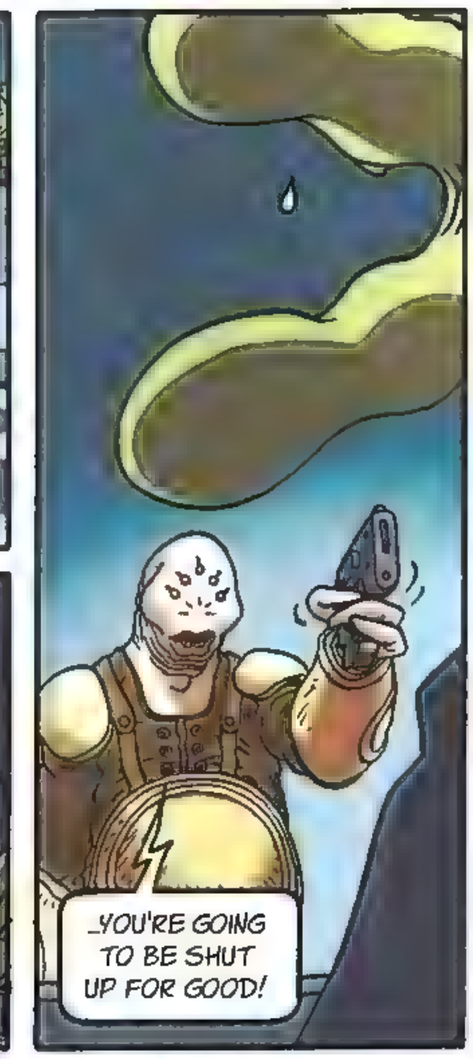
THEY'VE ENCIRCLED THE AREA WITH AN ELECTRO-FIELD. WE ARE JUST IN THE RIGHT PLACE!
PERFECT! I'LL FINISH UP HERE AND THEN MEET YOU.

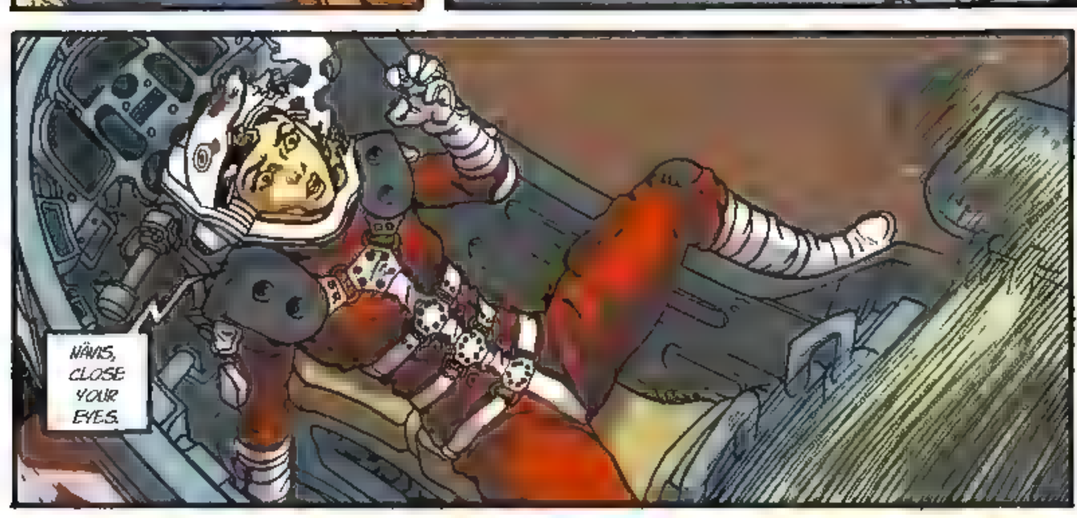
KRAK!
AH!

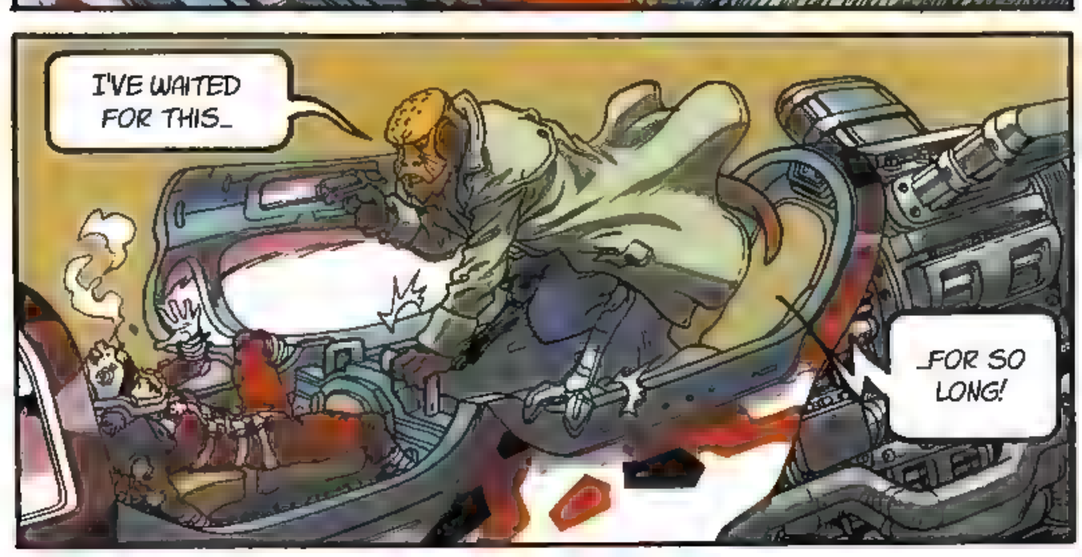
EVERYTHING IS OK! I'M IN THE PLACE, START THE CLEAN-UP!


WITH PLEASURE!

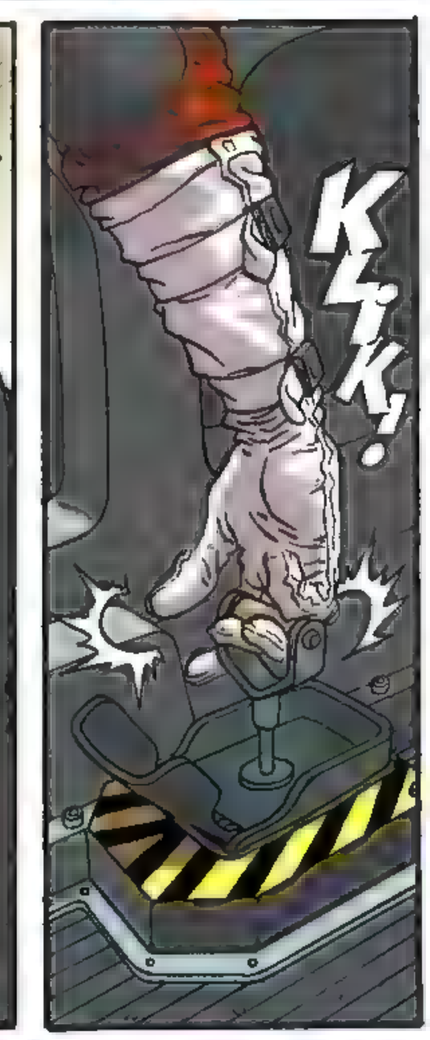

KLIK!
FINALLY!_


_YOU'RE GOING TO BE SHUT UP FOR GOOD!


NÄNS, CLOSE YOUR EYES.


I'VE WAITED FOR THIS_
_FOR SO LONG!

FLASH
AH!


KLIK!

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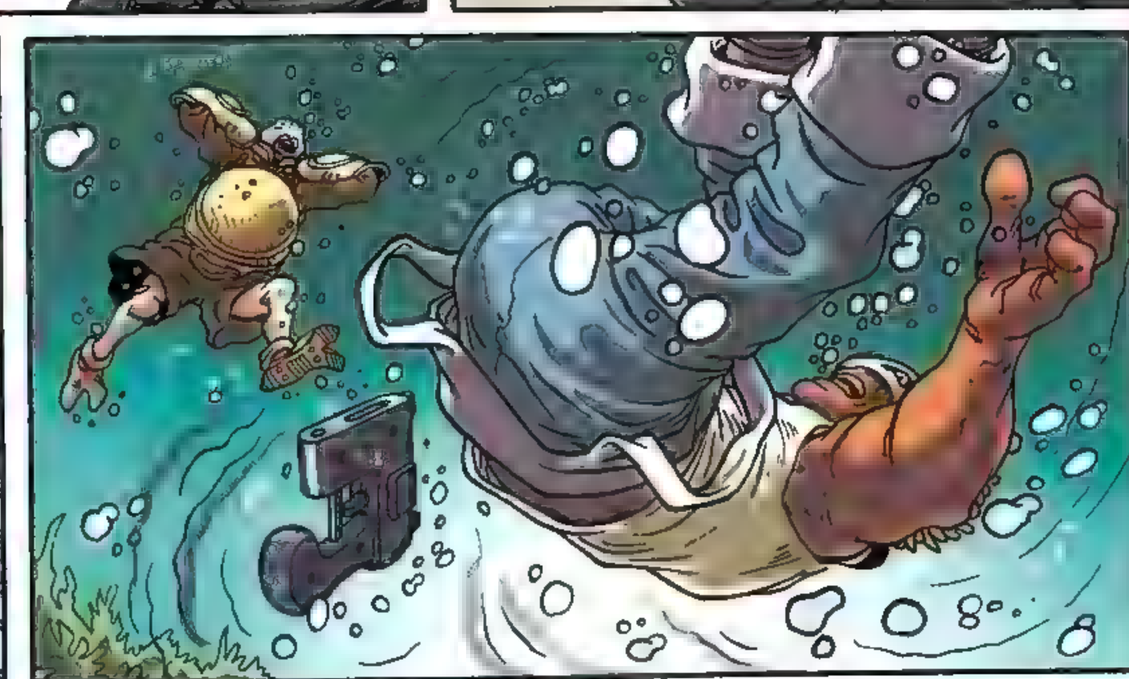
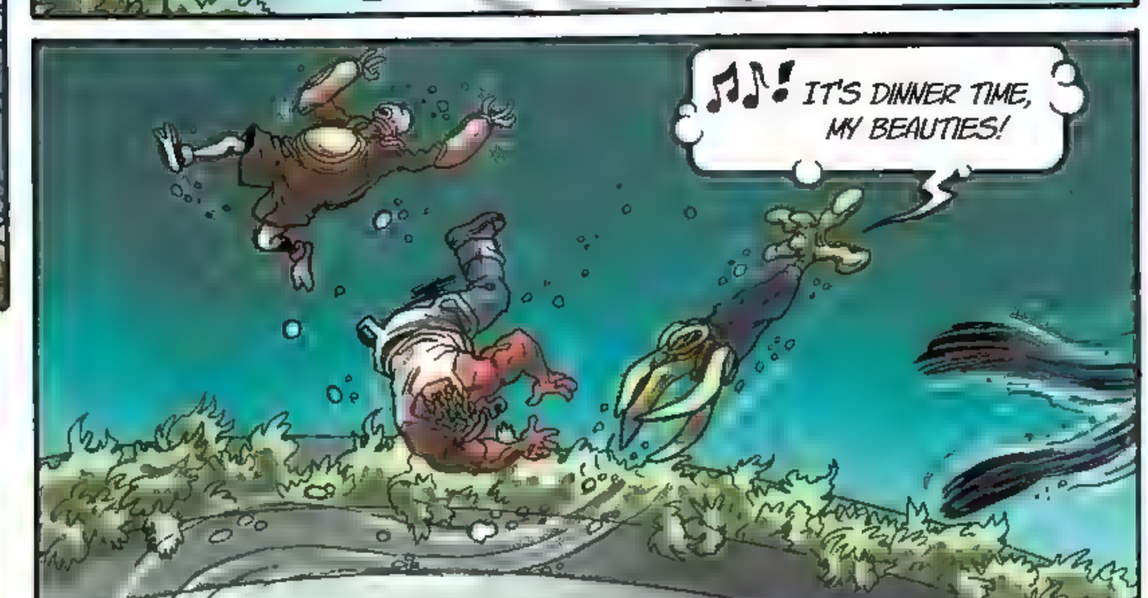
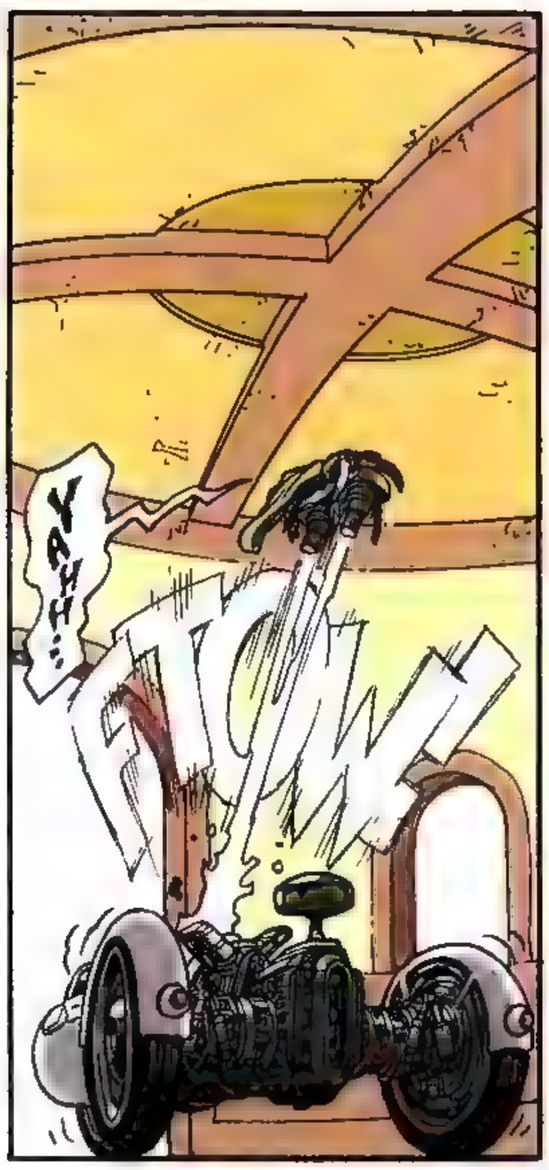
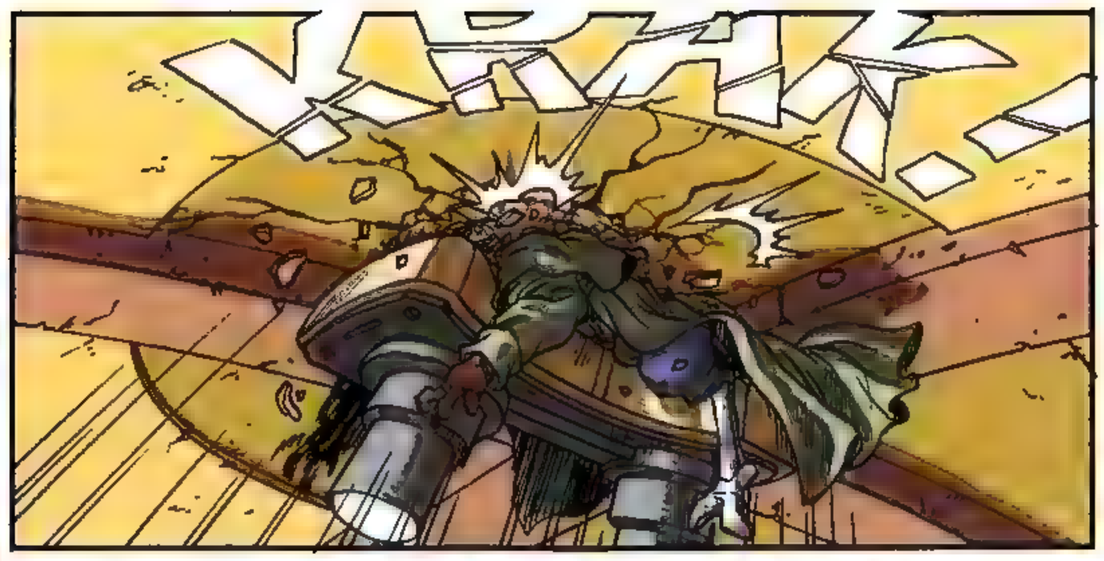


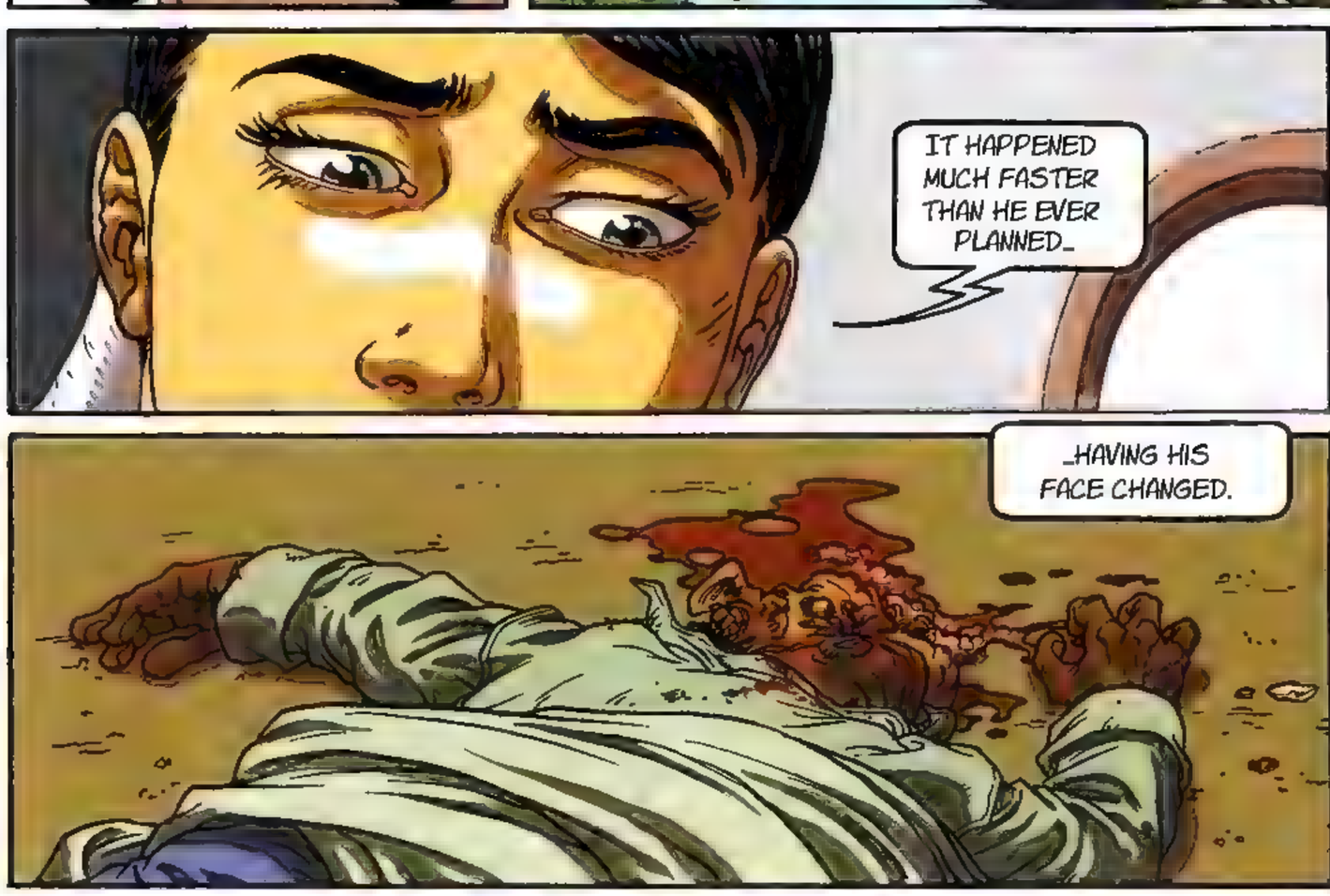

♫♪! IT'S DINNER TIME, MY BEAUTIES!

I CAN'T GUARANTEE THE QUALITY OF THE FOOD!


YAH!...
FRAK


YAAAAH...

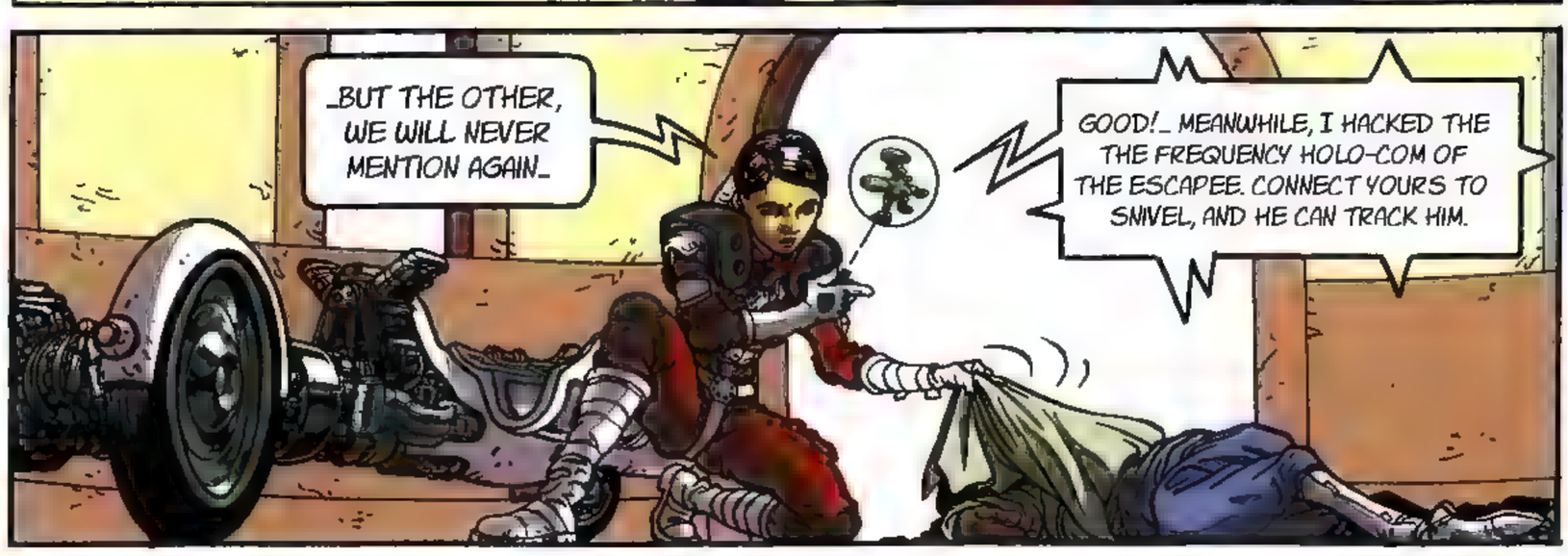
THANK YOU, MY BEAUTY!


IT HAPPENED MUCH FASTER THAN HE EVER PLANNED...
...HAVING HIS FACE CHANGED.

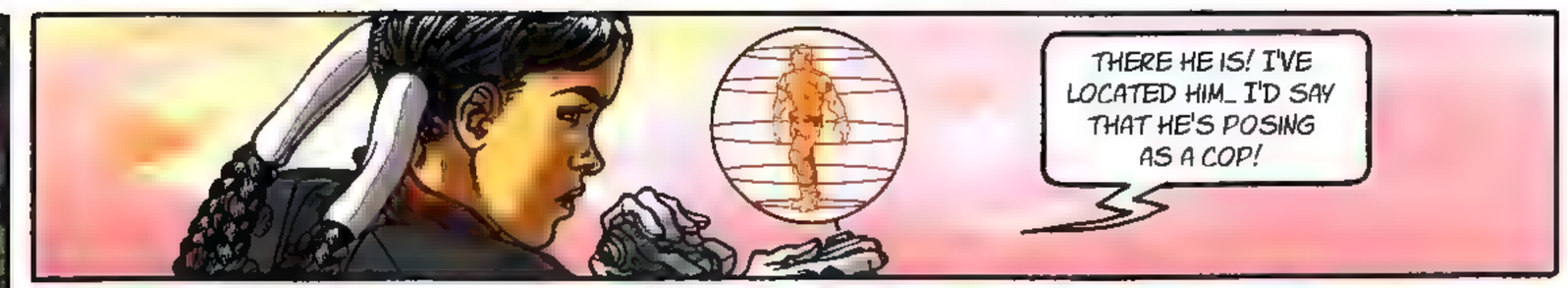
EHMTE?
BILIP!
BILIP!

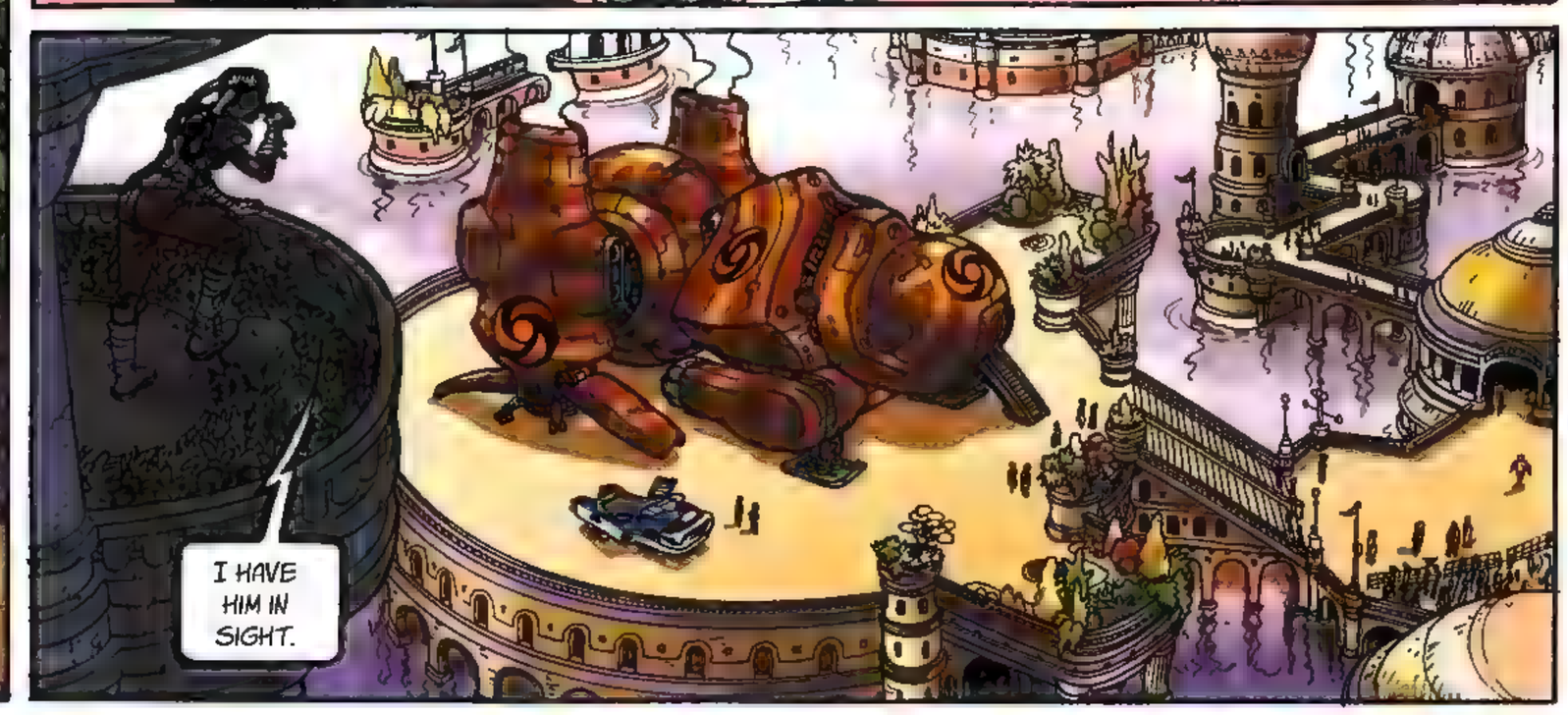
THEY FINALLY FREED ME, I RISK NOTHING ANYMORE.

YOU CAN ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE KERHE-DIZZO'S TWO ACCOMPLICES!
OF THE TWO OF THEM, ONE FLED...

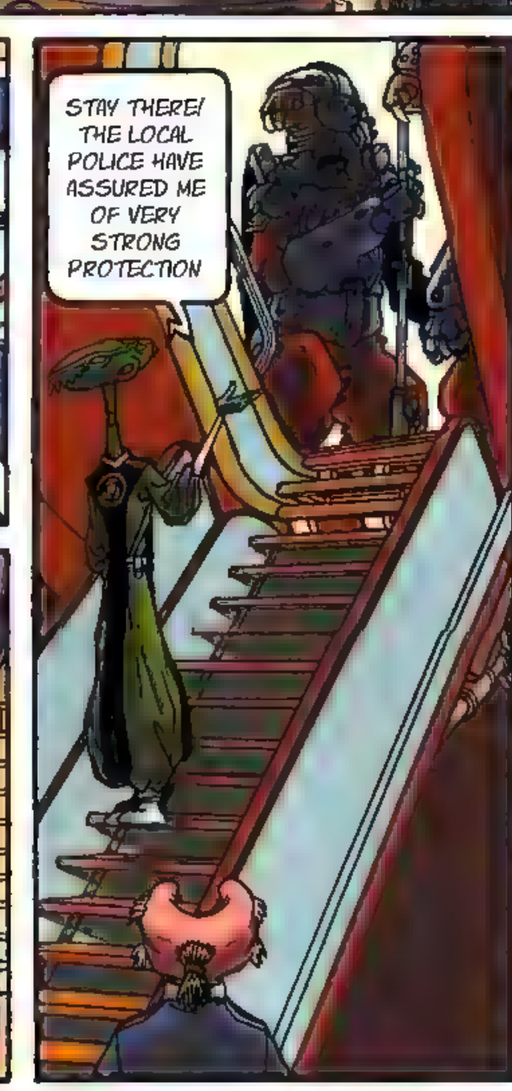

...BUT THE OTHER, WE WILL NEVER MENTION AGAIN...
GOOD!... MEANWHILE, I HACKED THE THE FREQUENCY HOLO-COM OF THE ESCAPEE. CONNECT YOURS TO SNIVEL, AND HE CAN TRACK HIM.

FSHHH..
RIGHT ON TIME, THE BIG-WIGS!

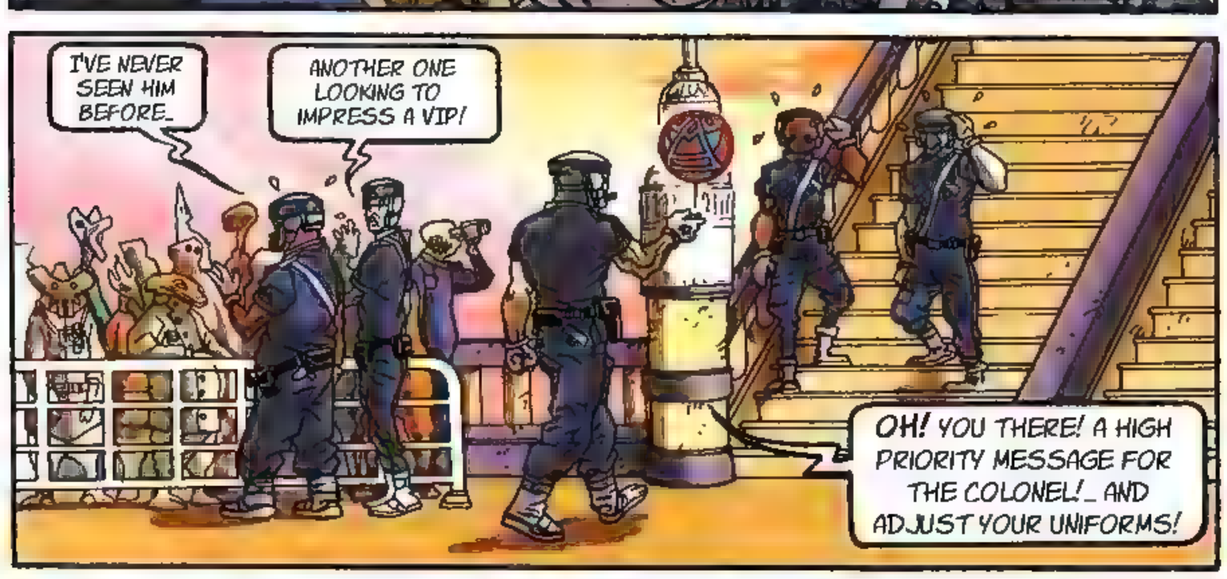

THERE HE IS! I'VE LOCATED HIM_ I'D SAY THAT HE'S POSING AS A COP!


I HAVE HIM IN SIGHT.

HEY! YOU TWO! ARE YOU ASLEEP, OR WHAT? CONTAIN THESE DAMNED REPORTERS FOR ME!
!!_ YES, CAPTAIN!

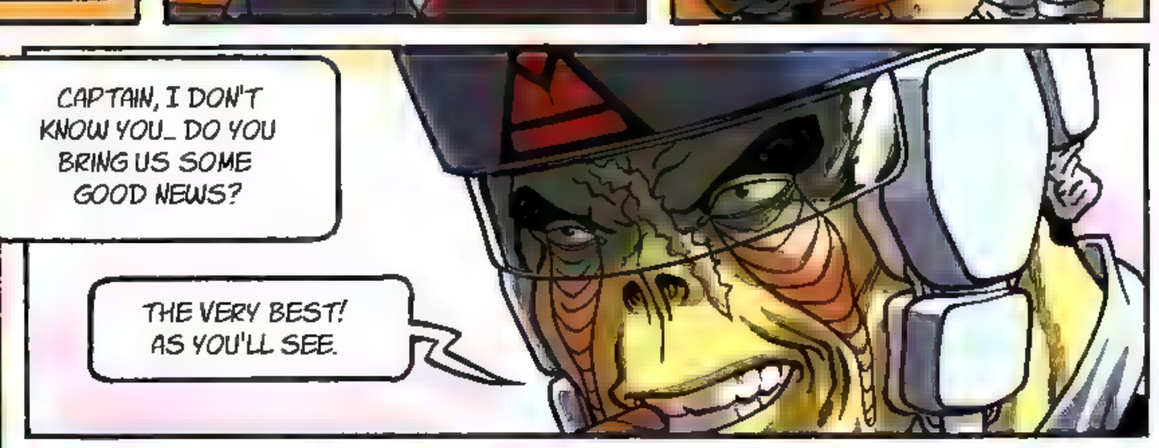

STAY THERE! THE LOCAL POLICE HAVE ASSURED ME OF VERY STRONG PROTECTION

WELCOME, MAGISTER! I THANK YOU FOR THE TRUST YOU ACCORD TO OUR LOCAL POLICE.


I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE_
ANOTHER ONE LOOKING TO IMPRESS A VIP!
OH! YOU THERE! A HIGH PRIORITY MESSAGE FOR THE COLONEL!_ AND ADJUST YOUR UNIFORMS!

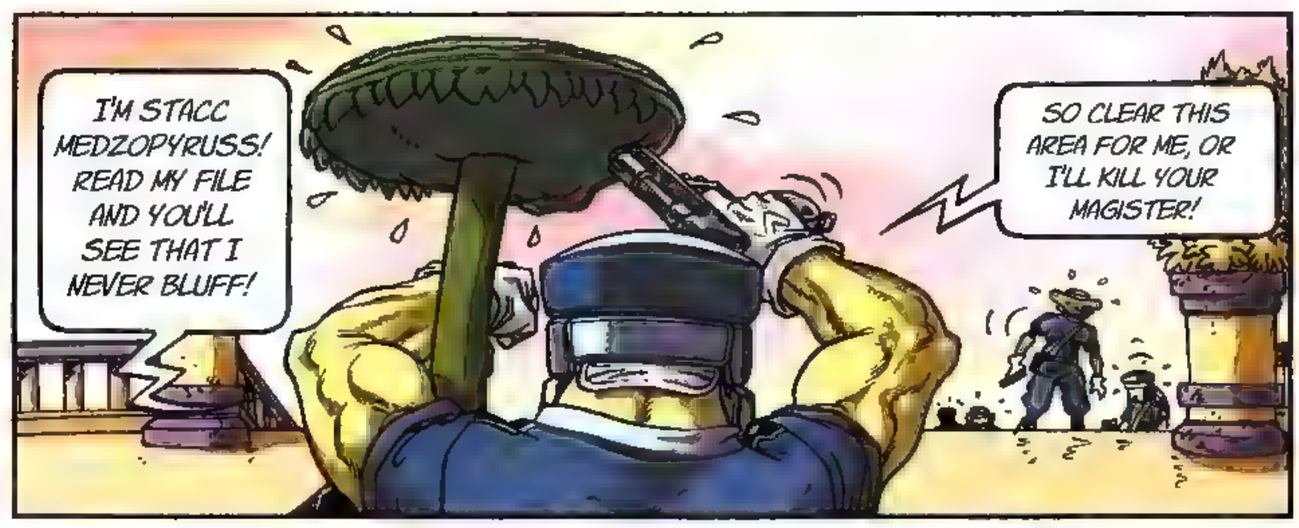
YOUR COLONY IS VERY INFLUENTIAL WITH THE HEART OF THE COMMITTEE. I'M SURE THAT THEY WILL APPRECIATE THE TOTAL VALUE OF YOUR GESTURE.

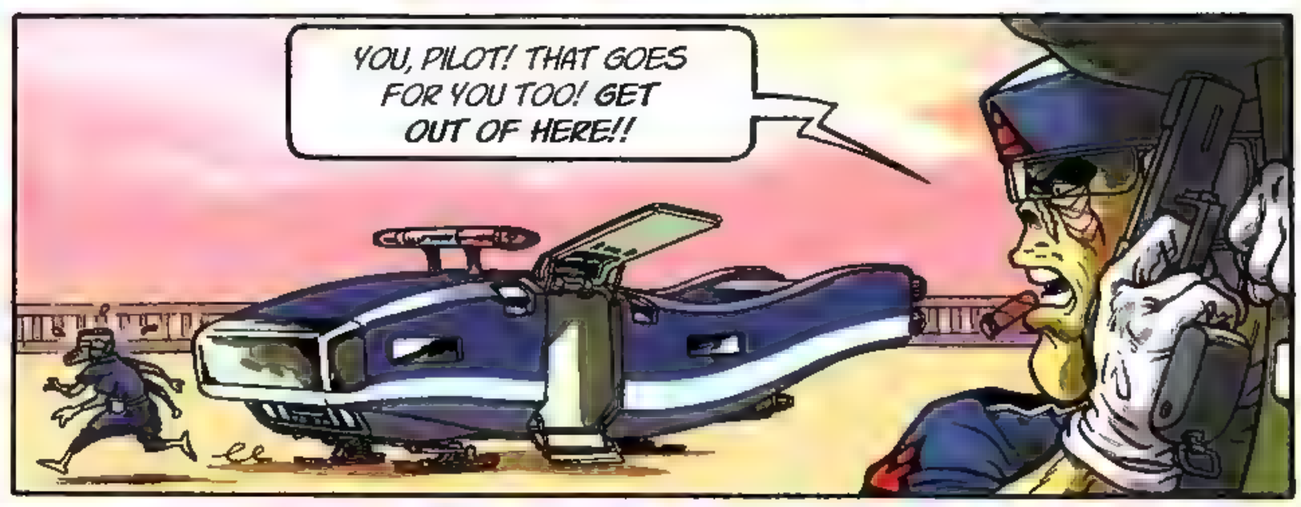
OF COURSE_ AH! A HIGH PRIORITY HOLO-MESSAGE! THE CONFIRMATION OF THE CAPTURE OF THE PILOTS BY OUR POLICE, NO DOUBT!_ UH_ THANKS TO YOU, OF COURSE!!

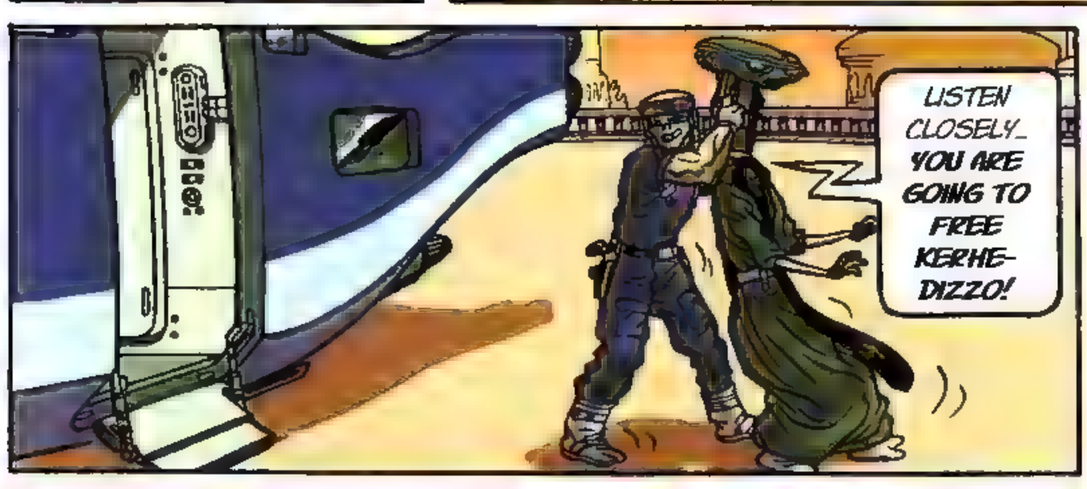

CAPTAIN, I DON'T KNOW YOU_ DO YOU BRING US SOME GOOD NEWS?
THE VERY BEST! AS YOU'LL SEE.

SOCK
K.H.

AT LEAST YOU DIDN'T "DISGUISE" THE SECURI-CHUTE FOR NOTHING, SNIVEL!
PTTT
PTTT


I'M STACC MEDZOPYRUSS! READ MY FILE AND YOU'LL SEE THAT I NEVER BLUFF!
SO CLEAR THIS AREA FOR ME, OR I'LL KILL YOUR MAGISTER!


YOU, PILOT! THAT GOES FOR YOU TOO! GET OUT OF HERE!!


LISTEN CLOSELY_ YOU ARE GOING TO FREE KERHE-DIZZO!

OR ELSE_ IT'S GOODBYE, MAGISTER!

THAT'S MY ONLY DEMAND_ IT'S NOT NEGOTIABLE!

A?!! AGH!
SOCK!

IT'S BETWEEN THE TWO OF US NOW, TO THE DEATH!
"TO THE DEATH"!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!

HAN!
SWISH
YAH!
WACK!
UMPH

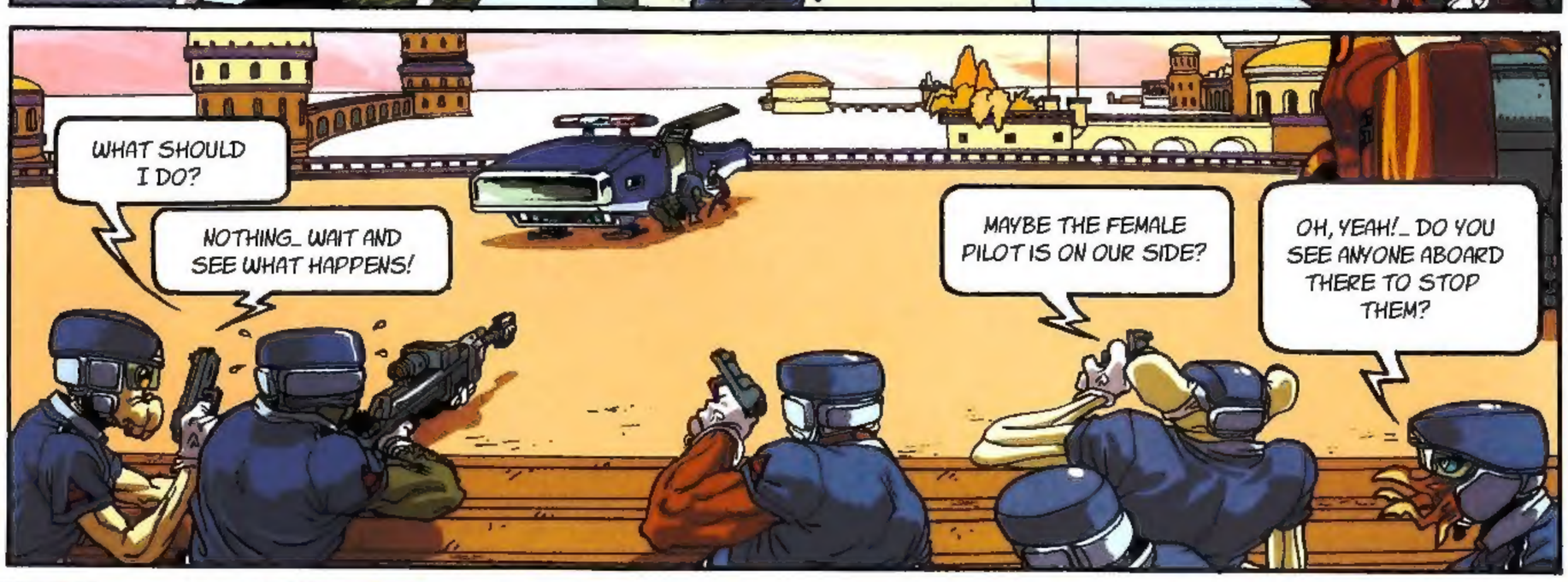
I HAVE A WINDOW TO SHOOT_ IF THEY STAY STILL_

YES_

OH, NO! PFFFT!

IT'S TOO RISKY WITH THE MAGISTER IN THE LINE OF FIRE!

YOU STAY THERE!


WHAT SHOULD I DO?
NOTHING_ WAIT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS!
MAYBE THE FEMALE PILOT IS ON OUR SIDE?
OH, YEAH!_ DO YOU SEE ANYONE ABOARD THERE TO STOP THEM?

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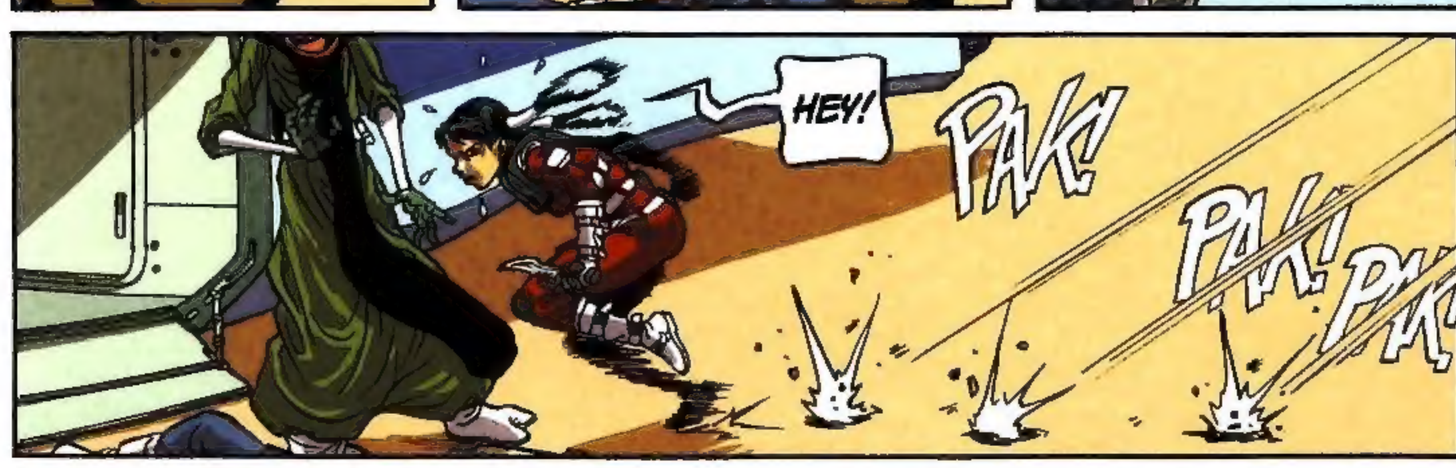
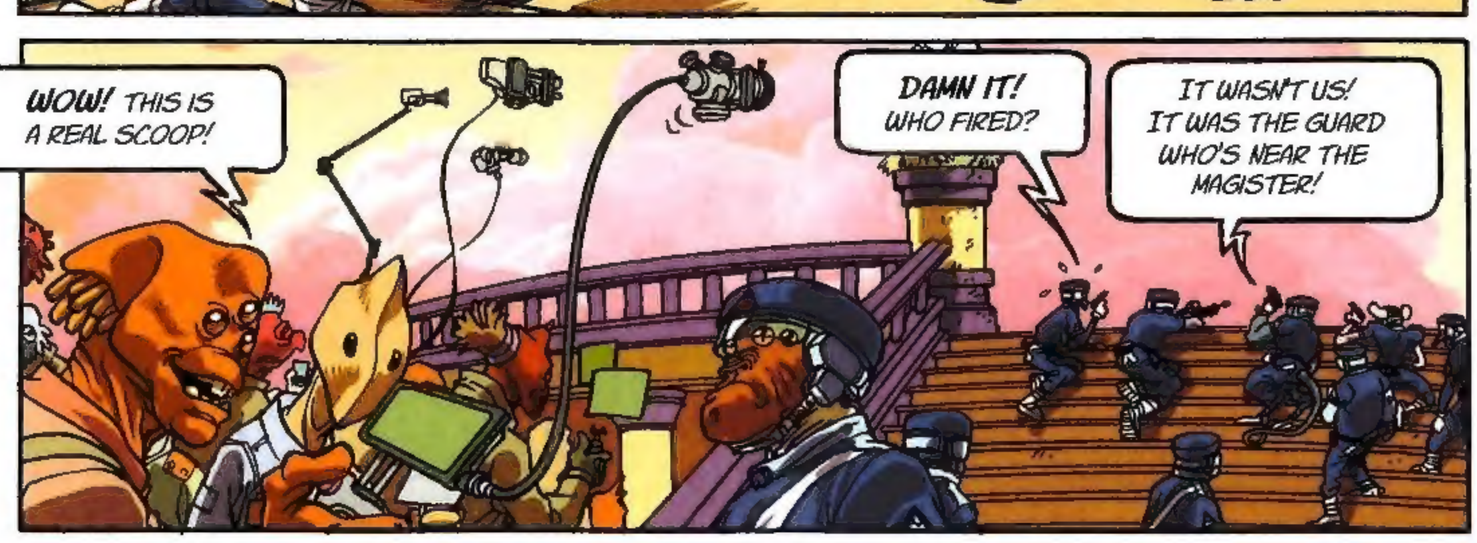
AAAA
YOU TRUST YOUR STRENGHT TOO MUCH, IDIOT!





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Merci à Jason de tenir le cap !
Mes ados, construisez votre bonheur !
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Committee Admirals' ships, Battle Cruisers, Admiral's Flagships, War Frigates, Cargo carriers, Teleporters, Maintenance ships, Prison ships, Pirate vessels... These are some of the millions of ships, which make up a formidable space convoy, launched to discover new exploitable planets. In this convoy, which is named *Wake*, all sorts of beings with multiple beliefs live side by side. But, there is one race there which remains unknown the Human beings. And then **NÄVIS** came aboard!

Clandestine races are being held on planets colonized by Wake. Among the pilots, there's a helmet which hides Nävis. But, she is not one to just participate. She must win! Without her knowing, her lawyer has been captured by killers who are holding him as a hostage. The killers are none other than Kerhe-Dizzo's accomplices. Between Bobo's revelations, an ambush of the Magister and a troubling visit to Enshu Atsukau's house, Nävis is on a Slalom course... of spins and skid control.